

Scalp Dance and Round Dance songs. The words in there are funny. One time during the World War, they imitate the return of those soldier boys in a Scalp and Round Dance. And the drummers and women--the men sing one song and women respond. The man in the song says (sings) something like that. (Guy talks to woman.) "I'm tired of my wife"--that's what the words say, the tune I give you. The man is supposed to sing his song. And he says, "I'm getting tired of my old woman. I'm tired of living with my wife. I'm going to hunt me a younger woman." And in the Scalp Dance, the woman who is responding, they have their lances and scalps. And then the man stops singing and the woman sings, "I'm tired of living with my old man. I'm going to hunt me a young man. I'm tired of my old man. I'm just sick and tired of him. I'm going to hunt me another man." And this man, in return, is singing the same tune but puts different words in it. "My old loving, beloved wife, I'm tired of her. I don't want to live with my old wife again. I'm tired of her. I'm going to hunt me a white woman and I'm going to live with her." And at the end of the song everybody whoops. (Guy whoops.) (laughter) And the woman, they retaliate. They're singing, "Well, I'm tired of my loving husband. I'm really just sick and tired of him. I'm going to hunt me a colored man and live with a colored man." (laughter) And then, maybe, the men, they'll return singing, "I'm tired of my wife, living with my same old wife. I'm going to get me a Mexican woman." And so they just swap and go on like that. And then everybody hollers and laughs. And all the spectators, they laugh, they just have a big time. That's the way they go. Well, I'm sorry I can't give you those tunes, but Cecil's a good singer,