

Tassel Company?)

Well, the Horse Tassel, grandpa said, when they join the--  
 become a company, these Horse Tassels, he said It's when you're  
 young. You got to be right prime and pretty. Nice looking man.  
 They belong to the company. They belong to the Horse Tassels.  
 Their horses have pretty colored feathers on their head.  
 That's why they call them "horse tassels"--tsei tai.to  
 (When did you belong to this company?)

Well, you got to be about sixteen or seventeen years old before  
 you can join in that company. First you belong to the Rabbit  
 Clan. Little boys. Rabbit--Rabbit Clan. And when you grow  
 up to be in the right prime, then they put them in the Horse  
 Tassels. That's where I belonged. Yeah.

(What did you have to do to belong?)

Well, I get up and dance. (Sings short section of song.)

Yeah, I belong in that clan.

(Oh, that's a beautiful song!)

Oh, I got lots of songs. I got forty or fifty. If you have  
 a recorder sometime, I could fill it up for you.

(Someday I'll bring it! Well, did someone have to invite you  
 to join that company?)

Yeah, if you want to join in there, you could join. Sometimes  
 they catch you and take you over there. They catch you, you  
 know, and carry you over there to make you join. You hear?

(Yeah. How do they do that? How do they catch you?)

Well, they go over there. Two mans go over there and they  
 catch that boy. Maybe he's pretty boy--pretty nice looking  
 boy. They go over there. And he's wealthy. They catch him,  
 see. They take him down there where the company's got a tipi.  
 The Horse Tassels got a tipi where they sit around there and