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15. Α'με'sûna'nini năya'qûti'hi

A'he'sûna'nini năya'qûti'hi, A'he'sûna'nini năya'qûti'hi, Hä'ni'nihiga'hŭna', Hä'ni'nihiga'hŭna', He'sûna'nin hä'ni na'ha'waŭ'. He'sîna'nin hä'ni na'ha'waŭ'.

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Our father, the Whirlwind, Our father, the Whirlwind— By its aid I am running swiftly, By its aid I am running swiftly, By which means I saw our father, By which means I saw our father.

The idea expressed in this song is that the dreamer "rides the whirlwind" in order sooner to meet the messiah and the spirit hosts. Father or grandfather are terms of reverence and affection, applied to anything held sacred or awful.

16. A'he'sûna'nini năya'qûti'

A'he'sûna'nini năya'qûti', A'he'sûna'nini năya'qûti', Wa'wă chä'nii'nagu'nĭti hu'na, Wa'wă chä'nii'nagu'nĭti hu'na.

Translation

Our father, the Whirlwind, Our father, the Whirlwind, Now wears the headdress of crow feathers, Now wears the headdress of crow feathers.

In this song the Whirlwind, personified, wears on his head the two crow feathers, by which the dancers are to be borne upward to the new spirit world.

17. Ninaä'niahu'na

Ninaä/niahu'na, Ninaä/niahu'na Bi'taa'wu hä'näi'säĭ, Bi'taa'wu hä'näi'säĭ, Hi'nää'thi nä'niwu'hună, Hi'năä'thi nä'niwu'hună.

Translation

I circle around— I circle around The boundaries of the earth, The boundaries of the earth— Wearing the long wing feathers as I fly, Wearing the long wing feathers as I fly.

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