

Oh, they just give it to them in English, but we got an Indian name for it.

(What's that?)

The 49 we got a name in our Indian language.

(What do they call it in Indian?)

Oh, I don't know how to tell it.

(Well, if you said it in Indian, what would you say?)

"Nool-side."

(What do they do at a 49 dance?)

Just round and round. Bunch of them just go round and round.

(They have special songs I've heard...)

Yeah, they have special songs for that. Well, most of them got meanings

to them. "When I leave don't cry, because I'm coming back again." That

soldier boy that's going into the army say that and they put that word in

that song. Say, "Don't cry, I'll be back." The meaning of that in Indian

and in English, that's the meaning of it. I'll be back someday.

(Can you sing 49 songs?)

Yes.

(Could you sing one now?)

Let's see, which one can I sing. I'm going to sing you this one, it's got

a meaning of a woman in it. Said, "This woman, she's skinny, and boney,

and you could see her ribs. The girls that skinny and boney, their ribs

shows that they are pretty girls." That's what the meaning of this song

is. The skinny woman, you see their ribs but they are pretty girls.

That's what the meaning of this song in Indian, this thing's going to catch

it. ((tape recorder)) Is it on?

(Yes.)

Well, I'm going to sing another one. That song in my mind they singing

over there. ((at the dances nearby)) I can't catch nothing.