

No, it's from that medicine--sweat lodge. Right in front of it they always have a pile of dirt and they call it a "goal." That's outside the sweat lodge.

(Do they have any sticks in that?)

No, they just have dirt piled up.

(In this song when he's talking about there are seven goals, would that mean there's seven piles of dirt?)

Yeah. There was seven sweat lodges and each one had a pile of dirt.

(This big wheel that he talked about--is there just one of those in the tribe or several?)

There was one in the tribe that they used to use in the Sun Dance. You always see it up there--they always throw it up. (referring to Wyoming Arapaho Sun Dance). That's the wheel.

(Is that the one he's talking about here?)

Yeah, that's the one.

(How would you say, "The big wheel" in Arapaho?)

bāe.xw̄tīi

(What's the Arapaho word for sweat lodge?)

ciibaet

(And how would you say "seven sweat lodges?")

niisw̄w̄ t̄w̄xc̄iibaet -- naenisw̄w̄ t̄w̄xxe' i' ciibaetinw̄' And then, naenisw̄w̄ t̄w̄xe' i' si'w̄ȳw̄.nw̄' (goes on to repeat the Arapaho words for each verse.) That's what it says.

(What's the Arapaho word for the horn dipper?)

ciinw̄hae. -- ciinw̄hae.nw̄'

(How would you say "seven horn dippers"?)

niisw̄t̄w̄xc̄iinw̄hae.nw̄'

(These tails--are these buffalo tails?)

Yeah.

(How do you say that in Arapaho?)

niisw̄.t̄w̄x̄e' i' nw̄.kw̄hae.nw̄' They switch themselves with them.

(How would you just say "tail"?)

hitihii

(Is this a man singing?)

Yeah, a man. Men, they used to start all those songs.