

hēsún^ˈ nín^ˈhóo

WAR SONGS

(Next song, Number 30, played. War Path Song.)

That's a War Song. Well, this song doesn't have any words in it. It's just a plain song. It's a war song. When the boys goes out to the war, they sing these. This song. And the next one is the same.

(Is this one that doesn't have any words--is this an Arapaho song?)

Yeah, that's an Arapaho song. Old song. I used to hear my old grandfather and my grandmother sing it.

(How would you say "War Song" in Arapaho?)

n^ˈw^ˈt^ˈ kw^ˈni.n^ˈ w^ˈ.t . That means "War Path Song."

(How would you just say "song"?)

n^ˈib^ˈ w^ˈ.t

(And how would you say "war path"?)

n^ˈw^ˈt^ˈ kw^ˈn

(Next song, Number 31, played. War Path Song.)

That's a War Path Song, too. No words in it. Now that next one, I think I put words in that. There's a lot of them that don't have any words--these War Songs. They just sing them that way.

(Next song, Number 32, played. War Path Song.)

I put these words in. This is a War Song, when they go out, you know, to the enemy. And I, myself, when my grandson went over the sea, I sing, "My boy, I get lonesome. You went a long ways." That's the words I put there. That's Dennis.

(Would you say the Arapaho words?)

(Myrtle repeats the Arapaho words slowly.)

(Next song, Number 33, played. War Path Song.)

I put words in this one, too. That's the same thing--War Song. On the War Path Song. And I used to sing these songs all the time when he left, when I'd get lonesome. So I put these words in there: I called his name, "n^ˈib^ˈé^ˈhi^ˈin^ˈ é^ˈn , go ahead. Go on, where you're going. You're a man. We're going to see you again."
(What does his Indian name mean?)