

ready to go and give their lives. And then at the end of these songs that's the sound that they make. You have to say it twice. /

(Is it just the women that make that sound?)

Just the women. / If a woman once makes that sound, well she's already burning some man, some boy, to go to war. My father use to say, it's just like putting hot iron on a young man's flesh. That's how it hit a young man. So after she says that, she can not cry. She can not give in. Even if she sees her loved ones go off to the war. Just never cry, never give in. You've already made that brave sound for your boys. That's what that means.

(That's really interesting. Do the Cheyennes have a name for that sound?)

Oh well--in man--he'll holler in different way--they call it war hoop. But this one has no explanation to it.

(Do they still use that today?)

Yes. It's still used today.

(When would they use it today?)

All right, our nephew went to--how long ago did he go to Viet Nam?--about a week ago. He flew to Viet Nam, I was singing for him. His name is Tommy D. Burns--his (her husband's) nephew. His sister's boy and I was--He told us he was leaving at 11 o'clock, eastern time, I kept watching the time. When that time came, I was singing songs and hollered like that. And then you got to--you got to say, "Our nephew Tommy D., when he was born, when he came to this world --you came as a boy and there was a job ahead of you as a man. Now you're a man now, we know you're a man. You've been there once and you know how it was--Still you're going back again, and we consider you as a real man, Nephew. So just be brave and do the duty that you are given. Remember you are doing it for this United States, women and children, just think of them. Don't give in no matter what you do. You're a man. Just remember you're a man. And you will be thought of in the back, with these brave thoughts about you." That's what I was saying when he left. And that's what women always say when they talk after they get through singing. And these chicken-hearted women they'll just sit here and cry, and brave woman's going to sing and say that.