

(Can you think of any others right now?)

Jenny: Well, his mother got a song. She lost a daughter, a young girl, and she sung. She said this song came to her like that. And it's got some beautiful words in it and--but that's what they call our funeral song. When they have funeral--someone passed away, we always sing it cause the old lady's gone but Cecil, he knows. And I always sing it. We sang it. We sang this song. And the peoples get touched. It's got beautiful words in there.

(Could you sing it for me?)

Jenny: Well, this song--(she sings song in Kiowa). It means "the Lord has taken my child to heaven. The Lord took her in our heavenly home. And the angels came and carried me to heaven. And the Lord made my soul white as snow." He said, "The great Creator made a way that we just living in this world for short time." He said, "We all gong to that heavenly home someday when our time comes."

(That's beautiful. Do other people ever sing it beside you folks?)

Jenny: They don't hardly know it and they don't exactly know the words. So they always call on us. Like when a nice Christian person passed away, maybe girl, boy, woman or man, well, they'll ask us and make a request to sing this.

(I just wondered if you know, it'd be considered proper since it came to Cecil's mother, you know, if some other family would sing it because they happen to know her. Would that be all right?)

Jenny: Yeah, they can sing it if they know it, yeah.

FUNERAL CUSTOMS OF THE OLD DAYS

(Well, you know back in the old days, did they have--you know you were saying that it was a funeral song, well, did they have certain songs even before they got Christianity?)