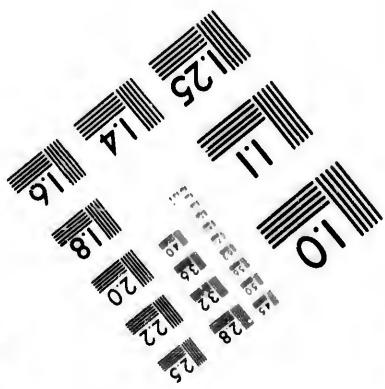
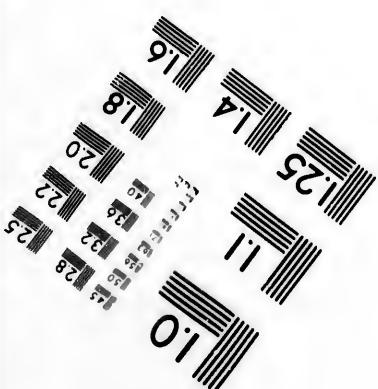
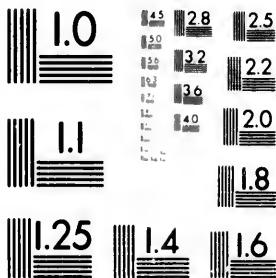


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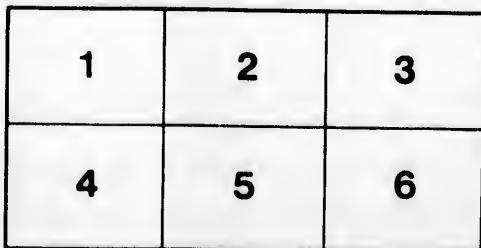
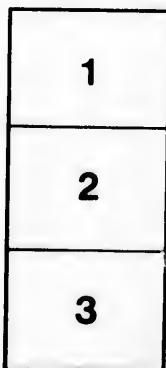
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SONGS OF THE KWAKIUTL INDIANS

BY

FRANZ BOAS.

The following pages contain a few songs which I collected among the Kwakiutl Indians of Vancouver Island B. C. The songs refer to a variety of subjects and have been selected for the purpose of illustrating the scope and character of the poetry and music of the tribe. The times of the songs were recorded by M. JOHN C. FILLMORE and myself independently. On the whole our renderings of the music agree closely. Differences between our versions will be found recorded in footnotes to the songs. Mr. FILLMORE's records were obtained from phonographic cylinders while mine were written down from the singing of the Indians themselves.

I. CHILDREN'S SONGS.

I. A Boy's Song.

sung while the child is being rocked on the knee.

$\frac{1}{4}$ = 72.

Sticks • | etc.

W i · sa w i · sa w i · sa x e t a · s o - w i g r a · s a g ' i n g ' i n - m a n m a x g ' i n i d i t e l q a y g r a

qd. W i salen w i - sal - ne yaa he. 2. Angooelabso we-hoxeda di telga yaxoedé tsin tsimt nam-

3. n n n n n n n n n n n n

xd. W i - sale wi - sal - ne. Wi - sa - len wi - sal - ne yaa he.

xd. n n n n n n n n n n n n

In the seventh and tenth bars of the 2nd line etc. Mr. FILLMORE has Evidently the repeated c sharp which is sung on a weak syllable disappeared on the phonograph. His tune closes with a repetition of the first line while I heard lines 2-5 sung in the same manner. Line 6 is spoken. Line 2 of the following text was dictated to me after I had recorded the song in which it had been omitted.

The vowels have their continental sounds:

ä = *aw* in *law*

é = *e* in *hell*

i = *i* in *hill*

o = *e* in German *haben*

I. A. f. E. IX. Suppl.

1. *Wi'sa, wi'sa wi'saxel'a'se wi'grasa ging'tnā'nemax g'in dilitelqayi'graqd'*.
Baby, baby, called baby me baby children I do mischief among them.
2. *Wi'sd', wi'sa, wi'saxel'a'se wi'graxg'in m'e'lqayig'rūxa ts'entsoninem xā.*
Baby, baby, called baby baby me the tease me the children.
3. *A'ngoaxl'a'sowē lox da n'wilelqa'ya xoа ts'a'is'vdaqem xī?*
· What is his name who teases the girls?
4. *A'ngoaxl'a'sowē lox da le'qolaga'ya xoа ts'a'is'vdaqem xd'?*
What is his name who puts his finger into their vaginas the girls?
5. *A'ngoaxl'a'sowē lox da ne'phelqa'yaxox da g'ingiuānem xd'?*
What is his name who throws stones at the children?
6. *Yū'tsdaxōl wi'soxw̄.*
That is baby.

TRANSLATION.

1. Baby, baby all the children call me baby when I am playing mischief among them.
2. Baby, baby all the children tease me and call me baby.
3. Who is teasing the girls?
4. Who puts his finger into their vaginas?
5. Who throws stones at the children?
6. It is baby.

2. A GIRL'S SONG.

$\text{♩} = 96.$

3. " " " k'ut'acsta
4. " " " hamsa qānaxuala
Sticks ♩ ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ ♩ etc."/>

1. Qanlo qanlo lanaxuala ts'ek'izsta lanaxuala
2. " " " xolsta
3. " " " k'ut'acsta
4. " " " hamsa qānaxuala
Sticks ♩ ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ ♩ etc.

Mr. FILLMORE has major instead of minor and a different termination:

g = *g* in *gum*

g' anterior palatal *g*, almost *gy*

k anterior palatal *k*, almost *ky*

l dorso palatal *l*, almost *ll*

q velar *k*

š velar *g*

x = German *ch* in *ach*

x = *ch* in Westphalian dialect.

w = German *ch* in *ich*.

c = *sh* in *shore*

The translations do not claim to be perfect. The difficulties of translating poetry in an imperfectly known language are such that approximation only is possible which may be materially changed when the language will be better known.

F. B.

1. *Qa'nlō lā'naxuala ts'ek'ixsta' lā'naxuala.*
When I shall go stooping to dig clams I shall go.
2. *Qa'nlō lā'naxuala xol'xsta lā'naxuala.*
When I shall go splashing behind I shall go.
3. *Qa'nlō lā'naxuala k'uwl'axesta lā'naxuala.*
When I shall go head downward I shall go.
4. *Qa'nlō lā'naxuala h̄amisaqānaxuala.*
When I shall go I shall go picking berries.

TRANSLATION:

1. When I am grown up I shall go and stoop digging clams.
2. When I am grown up I shall go and splash in the water digging clams.
3. When I am grown up I shall stoop down digging clams.
4. When I am grown up I shall go picking berries.

II. LOVE SONGS.

3.

1. *Yi'yawa lāonēslen gr'iya-k'as ha'yadolkela lā'xolas nō'guawa*
Yi'yawa I wish I could go my dear real try to make her love of my
haigra hayia.
haigra hayia.
2. *Yi'yawa lāonēslen gr'iya gr'ā'yemgrustālilax lā'xolas nō'guawa*
Yi'yawa I wish I could go my dear come up alongside of her love of my
haigra hayia.
haigra hayia.
3. *Yi'yawa lāonēslen gr'iya gr'ā'yamaxalisayalol lā'xolas nō'guawa*
Yi'yawa I wish I could my dear come down alongside of you love of my
haigra hayia.
haigra hayia.
4. *Yi'yawa lāonēslen gr'iya haik'as g'oā'g'oaq'k'ināl le'xanakula*
Yi'yawa I wish I could my dear real sit among them flying with them
p'alxala sen gr'iya.
fog of my dear.
5. *Yi'yawa xu'l'sayēx xu'l'saya q'is gr'iya,*
Yi'yawa this down cast down cast for my dear.

6. *Yi'yawa q'oñ'sayéx q'oñ'saya qa aya qoñ'mala tsen g'i'ya qa
Yi'yawa this crying crying for pain of my dear for
d'len lú'xola.
real my love.*

TRANSLATION:

1. *Yi'yawa*, wish I could go and make my true love happy, *haig'ia hayia*.
2. *Yi'yawa*, wish I could arise from under ground right next to my true love, *haig'ia hayia*.
3. *Yi'yawa*, wish I could alight from the heights of the air right next to my true love, *haig'ia hayia*.
4. *Yi'yawa*, wish I could sit among the clouds and fly with them to my true love.
5. *Yi'yawa*, I am downcast on account of my true love.
6. *Yi'yawa*, I cry for pain on account of my true love, my dear.

4.

1. *Anänana K'inä'l tsen wä'yada'yu wa xen g'i'yaya.*
Anänana indeed my strong hearted my dear.
2. *Anänana K'inä'l tsa háyaqada'yu wa xen g'i'yaya.*
Anänana indeed my strongest hearted my dear
3. *Anänana K'inä'l tsen d'lada'yu wa xen g'i'yaya.*
Anänana indeed my truth toward my dear.
4. *K'ë'sbula grä'nemen q'au'lalexen g'i'qadañaya sen g'i'yaya.*
Not pretend I I know having master my dear.
5. *K'ë'sbula grä'nemen q'au'lalexen yä'yaqa'yilag'ilen g'i'yaya.*
Not pretend I I know for whom I am gathering property my dear.
6. *K'ë'sbula grä'nemen q'au'lalexen p'ä'p'ele'a'yilag'ilen g'i'yaya.*
Not pretend I I know for whom I am gathering blankets my dear.

TRANSLATION:

1. *Anänana!* Indeed my heart is strong, for I am ready to leave my true love.
2. *Anänana!* Indeed my heart is very strong, for I am ready to leave my true love.
3. *Anänana!* Indeed I am true to my true love.
4. I pretend not to know that you are my master, my true love.
5. I pretend not to know for whom I am gathering property, my true love.
6. I pretend not to know for whom I am gathering blankets, my true love.

5.

1. *Anamazálisela* *l̄s qō'malasōsawai* *ḡ'ya.*
Pain of fire downward your love to me my dear.
2. *Ts'ē'xa māzalī'sela* *l̄s qō'malasōsawai* *ḡ'ya.*
Pain downward your love to me my dear.
3. *He'daē bō'xsaya ts'ē'xō'lema* *qō'malatsem lax nō'guawa* *ḡ'yaya.*
Just as sickness my love to me my dear.
4. *He'daē bō'xsaya ts'ē'msa'ya* *qō'malatsen iax nō'guawa* *ḡ'yaya.*
Just as a boil my love to me my dear.
5. *He'daē bō'xsaya gu'llaya qō'malatsen lax nō'guawa* *ḡ'yaya.*
Just as fire my love to me my dear.
6. *Ḡ'gracqala me'nlaxs wā'l demōs lax nō'gua.*
I am thinking of you your word to me.
7. *Ḡ'gracqala me'nlaxs qō'malasōs lar nō'gua.*
I am thinking of you your love to me.
8. *Kā'kālesamen las qō'malatsen lar nō'guawa* *ḡ'yaya.*
I am afraid of your my love to me my dear.
9. *A'nana k'inaldlawē lā'xoas nō'gua.*
O pain! indeed (?) I.
10. *Ya wiytsewilen d'layan lā'xola xen ḡ'ya.*
Oh, where is she going my true love my dear.
11. *Yaha qō'sg'ilāl laē āya o'yōnōxlon d'alaien lā'xula xen ḡ'ya.*
Oh, she will be taken it is she will leave me my true love my dear.
far away said
12. *lu'lampitēla wāldemason d'layen lā'xula xen ḡ'yaya.*
My body is numb my word my true love my dear.
13. *Halā'k'asla x'in d'layen lā'xula xen ḡ'ya.*
Good byo my true love my dear.

TRANSLATION:

1. Like pain of fire runs down my body my love to you, my dear!
2. Like pain runs down my body my love to you, my dear!
3. Just as sickness is my love to you, my dear.
4. Just as a boil pains me my love to you, my dear.
5. Just as fire burns me my love to you, my dear.
6. I am thinking of what you said to me.
7. I am thinking of the love you bear me.
8. I am afraid of your love, my dear.

9. O pain! o pain!
10. Oh, where is my true love going, my dear?
11. Oh, they say she will be taken away far from here. She will leave me, my true love, my dear.
12. My body feels numb on account of what I said, my true love, my dear.
13. Good bye, my true love, my dear.

III.

6. SONG FOR A GAME OF CAT'S CRADLE.

J = 88.

1. Ma - mee 'a has a ha dai a.
2. Ba - bal - ya han wi hi'sai a.
3. La - la xu sau a ha dai a.

Qoës da la qoës da la ñ las a ñ ya gitxle lax wá i saic
Wi tai wi lui du xoq qet sqy no lu bë Isowa né i saia

1. *Maméelá'has ahadaia.*
Where are you going my dear?
2. *Babalya'lai whisaita.*
I am going to fetch younger brother.
moss
3. *Lalaxusan ahadaia.*
Let me go my dear!
4. *Qoësdala qoësdala ñlas ñ uyagrilrë lax wíisaia.*
Do not go away go away else you will be left behind at younger brother.
5. *Wilai wilai daxoayelsaq nolabetsowa wíisaia.*
Well! well! I shall jump past you eldest brother of younger brother.

(Spoken) *Da'xoqelsa x'is no la.*

IV. PRAYERS.

7. PRAYER TO THE SUN. *Tena'xtlar* TRIBE.

*Hai hai hai hai hai hai xu'uquse hai hai hai.
Goi'nösens q'ahamsäyala yá'yaxwé noäl xens g'ya ans amiaxela'sö.*
Do not let us be lazy to dance for our dear our praised one.

TRANSLATION:

Do not let us hesitate to dance in honor of him whom we love, whom we praise!

♩ = 84.

Sticks: etc.
Hai hai hai hai · hai hai · ha hai hai · ha hai — ha hai hai hai · a hai hai
hai hai — ha x̄nguitse hai hai hai ha · a · ha x̄nguitse ha · i a x̄nguitse ha · i a hai hai
hai hai hai — ha q̄mawloos q'a hum sa ya · la ya ya x̄oē no al xens g'i ya ans amiaxa laso
hai hai hai — ha
hai hai hai hai — ha hai hai · hai — a hai hai hai hai · hai hai hai
hai · hai hai · ha hai hai ha hai — a a mia · xu la — so.
1) FILLMORE: 2) FILLMORE does not repeat 3) FILLMORE:
this part.
4) FILLMORE etc.

8. PRAYER TO THE SUN. *Kleakiull* TRIBE.

1. *Laam luans l'ayuguelisaisol tsa he'xalisayasol tsens aik'a g'iqd'mae.*
It is said we shall be changed on the earth by that who comes to set our above chief
the world right
2. *K'v'os la lans lid l'lauxtsalag ill g'ins lel g'ins he'xalisayasol tsens aik'a g'qf'mae.*
Nothing will be for us difficult on earth for us when we shall be set right by our
above chief.

TRANSLATION:

1. It is said the world will be changed when the Saviour, the chief in heaven comes to us.
2. We shall live a happy life when the Saviour comes, the chief in heaven.

$\text{♩} = 84.$

Sticks: ♩ ♩ ♩ etc.
Hai hai hai - hai - hai - hai - hai ha - wa luans luans l'a yagueli saiasol tsa hē xa
lis - ay - a sol - tsens aik'a g'i qu ma ga hai hai hai - hai - hai - hai - hai - hai
ha - wa k'cos la lans lat le' haix ts'i la g'i lili ts'o grins tel grins hexalisay - a sol tsens
al k'a g'i qama ga a hal - a hai hai hai - hai - hai - hal o - we

FILMORE
Sticks: ♩ ♩ ♩ etc.

V. WARSONGS.

9. WARSONG OF THE *H'eiltsuq*.

Qoā'ltsi bara', aksi q'e'nta, hū'tsada¹), sū'yadra²).
Do not cut, only shoot, oh, oh!

10. WARSONG of the *lalasiqoala*.

Yalā'las nā'nualak'oälaxde mixde dū'lag ilisa grin nā'la
Obtaining his supernatural called he said taking hold of my world (tribe).
desire

g'in ha'lōai'relax nā'nualak'oälagrl g'in warsqemlismēx
my being equal surpassing your supernatural my face on both sides.
power

g'in si'siyūl tāx grin nā'lu.
my double headed to my world (tribe).
snake

¹) a Haida exclamation. ²) a Tlingit exclamation.

TRANSLATION:

You had your desire when yow attacked my tribe, you who is called a chief of supernatural power. But my power surpasses yours; I am the double headed snake protecting my tribe.

11. WARSONG OF THE *Kwakiutl*.

<i>No'guam</i>	<i>ku'nuadlayas</i>	<i>nā'la;</i>
I am	the thunder's	tribe.
<i>No'guam</i>	<i>de'mixulayas</i>	<i>nā'la;</i>
I am	the sea monster's	tribe.
<i>No'guam</i>	<i>k'uai'yaxidae</i>	<i>yus nā'la.</i>
I am	the earthquake	of the tribe.
<i>Lū'xden</i>	<i>p'ā'lokolis</i>	<i>lo hau'ayanus ku'nuadlayas nā'la.</i>
I	start to fly	and the thunderbird the thunder's noise of the world
<i>Lū'xden</i>	<i>la'boisols</i>	<i>lo na'n.rnankilige de'miryoayus nā'la.</i>
I	equal in fierceness	and bear in water ¹⁾ sea monster's noise of the world.

TRANSLATION.

I am the thunder of my tribe.
I am the seamonster of my tribe.
I am the earthquake of my tribe.
When I start to fly the thunder resounds through the world.
When I am maddened, the voice of the seabear resounds through the world.

1) a fabulous sea monster.

