

Paiute Legend Song

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Louis Ballard

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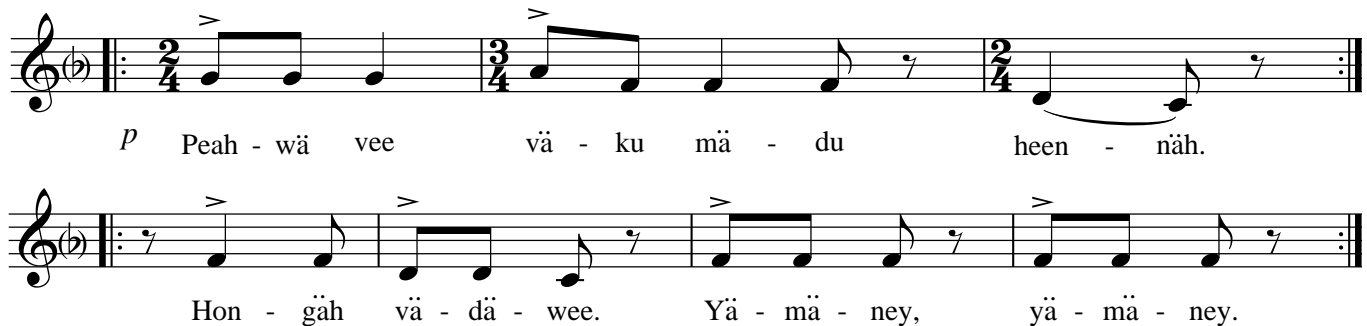
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p Peah - wä vee vä - ku mä - du heen - näh.

Hon - gäh vä - dä - wee. Yä - mä - ney, yä - mä - ney.

Background Information

The Paiute Indians historically occupied the area of Eastern California and Nevada, between the Sierras and the Rockies, a vast stretch of dry, barren country known as the Great Basin. This Paiute Legend Song is performed today by tribal singers in Nevada near Walker River, Pyramid Lake and other locales where the Paiute and Shoshoni and Bannock people make their homes. Like any modern citizens of Nevada they are engaged in farming, ranching and modern day activities, but the old songs, dances and traditional cultural traits are kept alive.