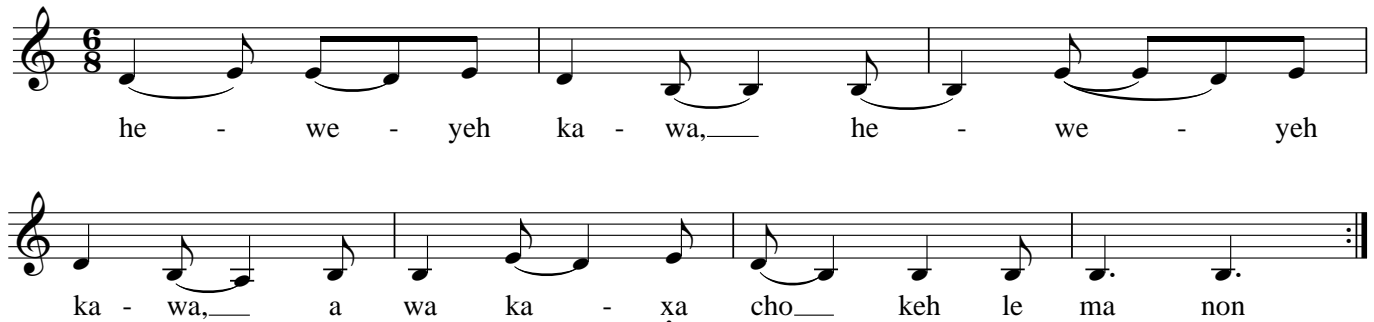


Song of the Eagle

Informant/Performer:
Josie Atwell and Leon Manuel
Lemoore, CA, 1959

Source:
Alfred Pietroforte
Yokuts and Paiute Songs and Culture
Happy Camp, Calif.: Naturegraph, 2006



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Background Information

The "Eagle Song" belongs to the Wechihit tribe, according to Josie Atwell. In this song, the Indians praise and glorify the beautiful eagle for his strength and grace as he soars high in the sky. Josie Atwell stated that her father taught her this song when she was just a little girl. Since Leon Manuel (Tachi) and Josie (Wechihit) lived on the same Santa Rosa rancheria for a number of years, they traded and learned the ancestral songs of each other's tribes.