

Peacock Song

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Coo - coo, coo - oo - oo, Coo - coo, coo - oo - oo,

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Background Information

An old negro voodoo woman in South Carolina told of all the animals holding a meeting. They elected the peacock to be queen. She sang an acknowledgement, spoke with music, her appreciation of the honor conferred on her. Thus we have the Coo-Coo murmur, moan and cry.