**The North Wind and the Sun**

**What are these recordings:**

These are recordings of Aesop's Fables "The North Wind and the Sun".

This text is often used for the purpose of eliciting all phonemic contrasts that occur in English when conducting tests by foreign users or of regional usage.

**Who is speaking:**

These sound recordings come from a wide range of participants, both male and female, during the 1950s and 60s, and are spoken in a variety range of languages. Please see the associated file "The North Wind and the Sun.xls/csv" for more information.

Original recordings were digitized by Cedric Macmartin.

**Spoken text:**

The North Wind and the Sun were disputing which was the stronger, when a traveller came along wrapped in a warm cloak.

They agreed that the one who first succeeded in making the traveller take his cloak off should be considered stronger than the other.

Then the North Wind blew as hard as he could, but the more he blew the more closely did the traveller fold his cloak around him;

and at last the North Wind gave up the attempt. Then the Sun shone out warmly, and immediately the traveller took off his cloak.

And so the North Wind was obliged to confess that the Sun was the stronger of the two.

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