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**The Origin of the War Dance**  
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1)

/u    ʃ·k=húnt níke ló·məwe ʔnta-mahta·kénke,↗  
né·ki awe·nhaké·yɔk↗ húnt=ánkʷ ʔnta-nki·ska·ɔhtíhti·tʰ tətá ... tətá ʃuwé·yunk,→  
ʔnta- kəkhičí·i↗ máta á· -káski- awé·n tətá -pa·t,↗ ahsəní·ke·\

/m    ʃ·k    =húnt   níke                    ló·məwe    IC+ʔnta            matahkē+nkē  
/g    and    HRSY    that.ANSG.ABS    long.ago    xx+{smt}/PV    fight+X/CC

/m    né·ki            awēnahkēw+ak    =húnt    =ánkʷ    IC+ʔnta            nakīskāwatī+hətīt  
/g    those.ANpl    Indian+ANpl            HRSY    usually    xx+{smt}/PV    meet.each.other+3p/CC

/m    tətá            tətá            ʃuwé·yunk    IC+(ə)n(ta)(lī)            Rə+kəhčīwī  
/g    whatever    whatever    on.hilltop    xx+{smwh}/PV    REP+really

/m    máta    á·    kàskī            awēn+θ            tətá            pā+t  
/g    NEG    POT    be.able/PV    someone+ANSg    whatever    come.{smwh}+3s/PPL(OBL)

/m    asəníhkē+w

/g    abound.in.rocks+0s/IND

/e    And back then long ago when there was fighting, those Indians of other tribes, when they would meet each other some ... up on top of some hill, a really awful place that not anyone could get to, it was nothing but rocks.

2)

/u    ná=húnt=ánkʷ tá·mse nək·i·ska·ɔhti·né·yɔ né·k↗ lónəwak.\

/m    ná    húnt    ánkʷ    tá·mse            wə+nakīskāwatī+ənēwa    né·k            ələnəw+ak  
/g    then    HRSY    usually    sometimes    3+meet.each.other+3p/SBD    those.ANpl    man+ANpl

/e    And then sometimes those men would meet each other.

3)

/u    ná=húnt=ánkʷ ná kwət·i məšá·ke·↗ ahsənínk.\

/m    ná    =húnt    =ánkʷ    ná            kwət·i    məšahkē+w            asən+ənk  
/g    then    HRSY    usually    that.ANSg    one            squat+3s/IND    rock+LOC

/e    And one of them would squat down on a rock.

4)

/u ná=húnt=ánkw tóləmi- ná -a·s·ó·wi·n, → ná yó·k ní·š·a tóləmi-kəntka·né·yó.↗

/m ná =húnt =ankw wət+aləmī ná āsōwī+ən

/g then HRSY usually 3+start/PV that.ANSg sing+3s/SBD

/m ná yó·k ní·š·a wət+aləmī kəntəkā+ənēwa

/g then these.ANpl two 3+start/PV dance+3p/SBD

/e And then he begins to sing, and these other two begin to dance.

5)

/u wáli=húnt=ankw mhúkw alləp·éhəle·,↗ yú hé· yó·ki↗ íka alahó·ók.↘

/m wáli =húnt =ankw məhkw+θ Rā+ələpēhlā+w

/g really HRSY usually blood+INsg REP+flow+0s/IND

/m yú hé· yó·ki íka alahw+āwak

/g because these,ANpl there hit.by.tool. {smwh}+X-3p/IND

/e They say the blood would just be running down, because they had been wounded.

/n wáli=húnt=ankw (OA): [wəlUn'dəŋw]

6)

/u yó·k só·čələk táli-pəpayaxkhə·né·yó.↘

/m yó·k sə·čəl+ak wət+əlī Rə+payaxkahw+ānēwa

/g these.ANpl soldier+ANpl 3+{so}/PV REP+shoot.with.gun+3p-3'/SBD

/e The soldiers are the ones that shot them.

7)

/u šúkw akó· wá káski ləná·p·e,↗ wá awe·nháke,↗ akó· káski-po·ni·tó·u↗ kéku,↗  
ənta-káski-ləs·i·t.↘

/m šúkw akó· wá kàskī lənāpēw+θ wá awēnahkēw+θ

/g but NEG this.ANSg be.able/PV Delaware+ANSg this.ANSg Indian+ANSg

/m akó· kàskī pōnīht+ōwī kéku IC+(ən)ta kàskī ələsī+t

/g NEG be.able/PV give.up+3s-(0)<sub>2</sub>/IND/NEG smthg xx+{smt}/PV be.able/PV do. {so}+3s/CC

/e But the Delaware, this tribe, couldn't, they (lit., he) couldn't leave anything alone when they could do it.

8)

/u ná=nə wánči-luwihəla·né·yó↗ 'púčələk',↘ 'sa·k·í·ma'.↘

/m ná ní wənčī ələwīhl+ānēwa pučəl+ak sākīmāw+θ

/g PRES that.INsg from. {smthg}/PV name. {so}+X-3p/SBD chief's.ass't+ANSg chief+ANSg

/e That's why they are called "leaders" or "chief".

/n ná=nə wánči-luwihəla·né·yó: repeats a f.s. that was the same with hesitations;

púčəl 'leader' (OA); otherwise this means 'chief's attendant' (< Eng. *butcher*, presumably from his role as the chief's cook, which is known to have been his task on war parties.)

9)  
 /u yú hé· yó·ki↗ kó· káski- á↗ -nahkihólé·e↗ énta-wi·š·á·s·i·t.↘  
 /m yú hé· yó·ki kó· kàskī á· nakīhlā+wī IC+ənta wīšāsī+t  
 /g because these.ANpl NEG be.able/PV POT stop+3s/IND/NEG xx+{smt}/PV be.scared+3s/CC  
 /e Because one of them could not stop even when scared.  
 /n ‘one of them’ (?): plural demonstrative and singular verb.

10)  
 /u tá·ɔni á↗ wi·š·á·s·u↗ káhta-mahtá·ke·↘  
 /m tá·ɔni á· wīšāsī+w kata matahkē+w  
 /g although POT be.scared+3s/IND want.to/PV fight+3s/IND  
 /e Even though he would be scared, he wanted to fight.

11)  
 /u ná=húnt nóni énta-naxkúhəmunt,↗ wwi·č·əmuk·wəné·yɔ=húnt=ánkwa↘  
 /m ná húnt nóni IC+ənta nàxkōhamaw+ənt  
 /g PRES HRSY that.INsg xx+{smt}/PV sing.dance.song.for+X-3/CC

/m wə+wīčəm+əkwanēwa =húnt =ankw  
 /g 3+help+0-3p/IND HRSY usually  
 /e Songs were sung for them to dance to, then, and it would help them.  
 /n wwi·č·əmuk·wəné·yɔ (and preceding wwi·č·əm..., f.s.): /ww-/ not clear.

12)  
 /u tá·ɔni mayá·i á·la-pəméske· awé·n,↗ illi káhta-kántka·t.↘  
 /m tá·ɔni mayāwī āla pəməskā+w awēn+0  
 /g although properly be.unable/PV walk+3s/IND someone+ANsg

/m illi kata kəntəkā+t  
 /g even want.to/PV dance+3s/PC  
 /e Even when a person couldn’t really walk, he still wanted to dance.  
 /n syntax of apparent plain conjunct? (participle with IC absent?)

13)  
 /u ná=nə wənčí·xən↗ yúkwe mé·či énta- yó·li -hát·e·k↗ yó·l énta-má·whink,↗  
 énta-luwéntank↗ wá šəwánakw↗ ‘war dance’.↘  
 /m ná ní wənčíxən+w yúkwe mé·či IC+ənta yó·li ahtē+k  
 /g PRES that.INsg start.from.{smthg}+0/SBD now already xx+{smt}/PV these.INpl be+0/CC

/m yó·l IC+ənta māwahī+nk  
 /g these.INpl xx+{smt}/PV have.dance+X/CC

/m IC+ənta ələwēnt+ank wá šəwanakw+0 war dance  
 /g xx+{smt}/PV name.{so}+3s-0<sub>1a</sub>/CC this.ANsg Whiteman+ANsg war dance  
 /e That’s the beginning of what are now these dances, what the Whiteman calls the War Dance.  
 /n before luwéntank: [luwē·...] (f.s.)

14)

/u káč·i ki·ló·no·kw ləna·p·é·yəkʌ ktələwəntaməne·n ‘ənta-i·lá·wkank’·\s  
/m káč·i ki·ló·no·kw ələnəpēw+ak kət+ələwēnt+amənēn  
/g but we.COLL.EMPH Delaware+ANpl 2+name.{so}+12-0<sub>1a</sub>/IND

/m IC+ənta ilāwəkā+nk  
/g xx+{smt}/PV do.war.dance+X/CC  
/e But we Delawares call it the “Warrior Dance” (lit., ‘when the warrior dance is done’).  
/n ki·ló·no·kw: [ki·lo·no·ŋ]

15)

/u ná=húnt=ánkʷ mani·tó·wakʌ a·s·uwwá·k·anʌ ənta- ké·nu -aləmska·t yú wənčiʌ  
ənta-mái-mahtá·kenkʌ ó·k ənta- lápi -pá·tʌ  
/m ná =húnt =ánkʷ manih̄t+ōwak əsōwəwākan+θ IC+ənta ké·nu aləməskā+t  
/g then HRSY usually make+3p-(0)<sub>2</sub>/IND song+INsg xx+{smt}/PV HESN depart+3s/CC

/m yú wənči IC+ənta mawī matahkē+nk  
/g this.INsg from.{smthg} xx+{smt}/PV go.to/PV fight+X/CC

/m ó·k IC+ənta lápi pā+t  
/g and xx+{smt}/PV again come+3s/CC  
/e They always make a song when he leaves from here when they go to war, and when he comes back again.

16)

/u a·s·uwwá·k·an=húnt=ánkʷ hát·e·\s ne·ka·t·amíhti·tʌ né·k a·s·o·wí·č·i·k·\s  
ənta-nəxkúhəmunt né·k i·la·wká·č·i·k·\s  
/m əsōwəwākan+θ =húnt =ánkʷ ahtē+w  
/g song+INsg HRSY usually be+0s/IND

/m IC+nəhkāt+aməhətīt né·k (IC+)əsōwī+čik  
/g xx+use+3p-0<sub>1a</sub>/PPL(INsg) those.ANpl xx+sing+3/PPL(ANpl)

/m IC+ənta nəxkōhamaw+ənt né·k (IC+)ilāwəkā+čik  
/g xx+{smt}/PV sing.dance.song.for+X-3/CC those.ANpl do.war.dance+3/PPL(ANpl)  
/e There is always a song, which the singers sing, when those war-dancers are sung for.

17)

/u yúkwe xánne· mé·či yó·ki awé·ni·kʌ kəkhič·i=hánkʷ kəkhit əwələhkúwakʌ  
ənta- káhta-mái-kəntkáhti·t·\s  
/m yúkwe xánne· mé·či yó·ki awēn+ik Rə+kəhčiwī =hánkʷ kəkhit  
/g now however already these.ANpl someone+ANpl REP+really usually very

/m wawələkwī+wak IC+ənta kata mawī kəntəkā+hətīt  
/g dress.up+3p/IND xx+{smt}/PV want.to/PV go.to/PV dance+3p/CC  
/e But now these people really dress up fancy when they want to go to dance,

18)

/u yú hé· yó·ki kó· o·wa·to·wəné·yɔ↗ ná wənčí·x·ink↗ ánta-luwé·nsink↗ ‘i·lá·wka·n’·\↘

/m yú hé· yó·ki kó· wə+wəwāht+ōwənéwa

/g because these.ANpl NEG 3+know+3p-0/IND/NEG

/m ní wənčíxən+k

/g that.INsg (IC+)start.from. {smthg}+0/PPL(INsg)

/m IC+ánta ələwēnsī+nk ɪlāwəkān

/g xx+{smt}/PV be.named. {so}+0/CC do.war.dance+X/IND

/e Because they don't know the origin of what is called the “Warrior Dance.”

/n ánta-luwé·nsink: |-nk| 0; cf. ánta-luwé·nsi·k (66-4:30).

19)

/u ne·k·əmə·a↗ yúkwe yó·k awé·ni·k↗ káski=-háñkw wehe·yhukó·i -ɔwəlahkúwak.

/m nēkəməwa yúkwe yó·k awēn+ɪk

/g 3p.EMPH now these.ANpl someone+ANpl

/m kàskī =háñkw wehe·yhukó·i wawəlakwī+wak

/g be.able/PV usually extremely dress.up+3p/IND

/e These people now can really dress up. [OA: “can sure dress up like anything”]

20)

/u kónč ɔwəlahkwihí·t·e↗ káski-mái-kəntké·yɔk·\↘

/m kónč wawəlakwī+hətīte káski mawī kəntəkā+wak

/g only.if dress.up+3p/SBJ be.able/PV go.to/PV dance+3p/IND

/e They have to dress up before they can go out there and dance.

21)

/u káč·i =húnt níke ló·məwe↗ akó· awé·n áhi- kéku íka -ható·u↗

/m káč·i =húnt níke ló·məwe akó· awēn+0

/g but HRSY that.INsg.ABS long.ago NEG someone+ANsg

/m āhwī kéku íka aht+ōwī

/g very/PV smthg there have+3s-(0)<sub>2</sub>/IND/NEG

/e But a long time ago nobody wore very much.

/n [hun'nikε]; ['kɛku.kʌ]; idiom (cf. kéku 'ka ntá·tu ‘I'm wearing something’)

22)

/u pahkánčī tətá šihkanč→ ké·ski- awé·n kéku íka -háta·kw.↗

/m pakančī tətá šihkanč

/g entirely whatever entirely

/m IC+kàskī awēn+θ kéku íka aht+ākw

/g xx+be.able/PV someone+ANsg smthg there have+3s-0/PPL(INsg)

/e A person (puts on) just as much as he can put on. [or: “The very best that ...” (both OA)]

/n kéku íka: [ˈkɛku.kʌ]

23)

/u we·i·t·ət=ét=ánkw↗ ónta-kwí·la-le·ləntamíhti·t,↘

wwónčī- ná -lənəməné·yɔ↗ né·k ... awe·nhaké·yɔk↗ ó·k ... íka péči yó·k ləna·p·é·yɔk.↘

/m we·i·t·ət =ét =hánkw IC+ənta kwíla ələlənt+aməhətīt

/g I.guess DUB usually xx+{smt}/PV at.a.loss/PV think.{so}+3p(-O)<sub>1a</sub>/CC

/m (wə+)wənčī ná ələn+əmənēwa né·k awēnahkēw+ak

/g 3+from.{smthg}/PV that+INsg do.{so}+3p-0<sub>1b</sub>/SBD those.ANpl Indian+ANpl

/m ó·k íka péči yó·k ələnāpēw+ak

/g and there as.far.as.{smthg} these.ANpl Delaware+ANpl

/e I guess, because they don't know what to do is why they do that, those (other) tribes and also even including these Delawares.

/n wwónčī: [w-]

24)

/u ná=nə šé· wənčī·x·ən↗ ná ónta-i·lá·wkank.↘

/m ná ní šé· wənčīxən+w

/g PRES that.INsg EMPH start.from.{smthg}+0/SBD

/m ní IC+ənta īlāwəkā+nk

/g that.INsg xx+{smt}/PV do.war.dance+X/CC

/e That's the beginning of the war dance.

25)

/u xahé·li yúkwe awé·n kó· illi o·wa·tó·wən↗ ná ... kéku↗ tətá wənčí·x·ink↗  
wənčí-káski- ná luwé·nsi·k↗ 'i·lá·wka·n'↘

/m xahé·li yúkwe awēn+θ [kó·] illi wə+wəwāht+ōwən ní kéku  
/g many now someone+ANSG NEG even 3+know+3s-0s<sub>2</sub>/IND/NEG that.INsg smthg

/m tətá (IC+)wənčixən+k (IC+)wənčī kàskī  
/g whatever xx+start.from. {smthg}+0/PPL(OBL) xx+from. {smthg}/PV be.able/PV

/m ní ələwēnsī+k īlāwəkān  
/g that.INsg be.named. {so}+0/PPL(OBL) do.war.dance+X/IND  
/e Now many people don't even know the origin of why it could be called "Warrior Dance."  
/n kó·: [kɔ·o·wa·t...] (f.s.)

26)

/u akó· pa·pi·í·yɔk↗ khite·lántamo·k=húnt=ánk↘, yúkwe níke ló·məwe↘

/m akó· pāpī+wīwak kəhtələnt+amōk =húnt =hánk↘ yúkwe níke ló·məwe  
/g NEG play+3p/IND/NEG be.earnest+3p(-O)<sub>1a</sub>/IND HRSY usually now that.INsg.ABS long.ago

/e They didn't play; they were serious then long ago.

/n yúkwe: [kwə]; =húnt=ánk↘: pitch terraces down but stays up

27)

/u šúkw ná=nə pwéči- šíhkanč -káski- kéku -pəna·eləntaməné·yɔ↗,  
yúkwe mé·či pe·t·a·wsíyank↗, təli=-č -káski-na·ɔhto·né·yɔ↗ ná ənta·i·lá·wkank↘

/m šúkw ná ní wə+peči šíhkanč kàskī kéku  
/g but PRES that.INsg 3+hither/PV entirely be.able/PV smthg

/m pəna·wələnt+amənéwa yúkwe mé·či (IC+)pētāwəsī+yankw  
/g study+3p-0<sub>1a</sub>/SBD now already xx+live.until. {smt}+12/CC

/m wət+əlī =č kàskī nāwat+ōnēwa ní IC+ənta īlāwəkā+nk  
/g 3+{so}/PV FUT be.able/PV follow+3p-0<sub>2</sub>/SBD that.INsg xx+{smt}/PV do.war.dance+X/CC

/e But that's the only way they were able to study anything, down to the present time, for them to be able to follow that War Dance. (?)

/n ná ənta: [nəndʌ]

28)

/u ná ɔ·k illi mé·či péči yó·k šəwánahko·k, ɔ·k né·ki ʷíči=hánkʷ -kəntké·yɔk, ɔ·k né·ki ... pi·lae·č·áč·ak ɛ·ləwihələnt 'Boy Scouts'.

/m ná ɔ·k illi mé·či péči yó·k šəwanakw+ak  
/g then and even already as.far.as. {smthg} these.ANpl Whiteman+ANpl

/m ɔ·k né·ki ʷíči =hánkʷ kəntkā+wak  
/g and those.ANpl join.in/PV usually dance+3p/IND

/m ɔ·k né·ki pīlawēčəč+ak IC+ələwihl+ənt Boy Scouts  
/g and those.ANpl boy+ANpl xx+name. {so}+X-3/PPL Boy Scouts

/e And also now even these white people, they dance with them too, and also those boys that are called 'Boy Scouts'.

/n |IC-ənt| X-3/PPL: plural head not marked

29)

/u nál né·ki mé·či ... wé·mi kéku wwe·kwənəmənə·yɔ ʷó·ni ənta- kéku -nhaká·t·amenk.

/m nál né·ki mé·či wé·mi kéku wə+wəhkwən+əmənəwa  
/g PRES those.ANpl already all smthg take+3p-0<sub>1b</sub>/SBD

/m ʷó·ni IC+ənta kéku nahkāt+amenk  
/g this.INsg xx+{smt}/PV smthg use+1p-0<sub>1a</sub>/PPL

/e They are the ones now that are taking everything of our use of things. [= 'our culture?']

/n nál: [nɔ]; ww-: seems audible

30)

/u pahkánči mé·či nkət·əma·ksihəna.

/m pakanči mé·či nə+kətəmākəsī+hməna  
/g entirely already 1+be.poor+1p/IND

/e Now we're as pitiful as we can be.

31)

/u akó· awé·n ahpí·i yú we·ɔ·ta·kw ʷúkwe ná wəntáhkwi lí.

/m akó· awēn apīwī yú IC+wəwāht+ākw  
/g NEG someone+ANSg be+3s/IND/NEG this.INsg xx+know+3<sub>2</sub>/PPL

/m ʷúkwe ní wəntáhkwi əlī  
/g now that.INsg direction {so}

/e There is nobody here that knows this in that way.

/n ...kwi lí.∇: pitch terraces down but stays up



32)

/u kɔná=ét ní šúkʷ xó·ha no·wá·to·n,ʔ é·li nikáhke nuhəmínkaʔ  
nəwihínki=-hánkʷ kéku -lúk·o·k.↘

/m kóna =ét ní šúkʷ (na)xóha nə+wəwāht+ōn é·li nikáhke  
/g maybe DUB 1s.EMPH only alone 1+know+1s-0s<sub>2</sub>/IND as that.PL,OBV.ABS

/m nə+ōhəm+ənka nə+Rih+wīnkī =hánkʷ kéku əl+əkōk  
/g 1+grandmother+PL,OBV.ABS 1+HAB+like.to/PV usually smthg say. {so}.to+3p-1s/IND  
/e Maybe I'm the only one that knows, because my departed grandmother and great aunt would  
always like to talk to me.

/n kɔná=ét: stress shift so?

33)

/u ó·k=hánkʷ no·la·mhitaó·ɔkʔ ónta- kéku -líhti·t.↘

/m ó·k =hánkʷ nə+wəlāməhtaw+āwak IC+(ən)ta kéku əl+īhətīt  
/g and usually 1+believe+1s-3p/IND xx+{smt}/PV smthg say. {so}.to+3p-1s/CC  
/e And I always believed them when they talked to me.

34)

/u ná=yúkwe=nə wənčí·x·ənʔ ónta- kéku -a·yahkənó·t·əma·ʔ

/m ná yúkwe ní wənčíxən+w  
/g PRES now that.INsg start.from. {smthg}+0/SBD

/m IC+ənta kóku Rā+akənōt+əmā(n)  
/g xx+{smt}/PV smthg CONT+talk.about+1s-0<sub>1b</sub>/CC  
/e That's the reason why I talk about things.

35)

/u yúkwe šé· mé·či.↘

/m yúkwe šé· mé·či  
/g now EMPH already  
/e Now this is the last.

36)

/u ná=nə šihkanč.↘

/m ná ní šihkanč  
/g PRES that.INsg entirely  
/e That's all.