

Setsatsínas r Secwepmc 'te Stsmámelt

Eastern Dialect



Introduction

Setsínems re Secwepemc te Stsmémelt

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**Primary /
Intermediate
Songs**

Qwaqwatsín N7álya Pyin

Tune: Michael Row the Boat Ashore

Qwaqwatsín n7álya pyin sets.satsínma (sing)

Qwaqwatsín n7álya pyin sets.satsínma

Qwaqwatsín n7álya pyin sets.satsínma

Qwaqwatsín n7álya pyin sets.satsínma

Qwaqwastsáma Sisikrí sets.satsínma (pity me Jesus)

Qwaqwastsáma Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Qwaqwastsáma Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Qwaqwastsáma Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Knúcwata ra kwsaltktн sets.satsínma

Knúcwata ra kwsaltktн sets.satsínma

Knúcwata ra kwsaltktн sets.satsínma

Knúcwata ra kwsaltktн sets.satsínma (help my relatives)

E sla7s e stutwít.s r stsmámelt sets.satsínma

E sla7s e stutwít.s r stsmámelt sets.satsínma

E sla7s e stutwít.s r stsmámelt sets.satsínma

E sla7s e stutwít.s r stsmámelt sets.satsínma (so my children grow nicely)

E sla7s e skult.s r skwaňllq sets.satsínma

E sla7s e skult.s r skwaňllq sets.satsínma

E sla7s e skult.s r skwaňllq sets.satsínma

E sla7s e skult.s r skwaňllq sets.satsínma (so plants will grow well)

Xwaxwístsín Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Xwaxwístsín Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Xwaxwístsín Sisikrí sets.satsínma

Xwaxwístsín Sisikrí sets.satsínma (I love you Jesus)

Qweqwatsín-Kucw

Tune: Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore

Tqaltkúkpi7 yucwmínte-kucw

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Tqaltkúkpi7 yucwmínte-kucw

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Knúcwcta-kucw ɬe staxłax7áms

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Knúcwcta-kucw ɬe staxłax7áms

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Kukwstác-kucw ɬe swucwt

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Kukwstác-kucw ɬe swucwt

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Sts'axstáke r kukuwílap

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Sts'axstáke r kukuwílap

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Yecwmínta xwaxwáyt al7álkst

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Yecwmínta xwaxwáyt al7álkst

Qwaqwatsín-kucw

Kukwstác-kucw Sqaltn

Tune: Traditional Drum

Ctáxalc r sqlaltn,
Ctáxalc r sqlaltn,

Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,
Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,

Ḱwyúsa ṭe st̓7ak,
Ḱwyúsa ṭe st̓7ak,

Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,
Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,

Clílca r sqlaltn,
Clílca r sqlaltn,

Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,
Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,

E psumács r Secwapmc,
E psumács r Secwapmc,

Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,
Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,

Kukwstác-kucw sqlaltn
Kukwstác-kucw sqlaltn.

Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,
Ctexwtuxwtqín r sqlaltn,

Re Sqaltn7úwi

Tune: The Old Grey Mare

Actions:

Re sqaltn7úwi st'7ak te xyum te pásellkwa,
st'7ak te xyum te pásellkwa,
st'7ak te xyum te pásellkwa.

Arms open wide
signifying large sea.

Re sqaltn7úwi st'7ak te xyum te pásellkwa,
Xyum te pásellkwa.

Re sqaltn7úwi kúma ne setátkwa,
kúma ne setátkwa, kúma ne setátkwa,

Palms together,
making swimming
motions.

Re sqaltn7úwi kúma ne setátkwa, ne setátkwa.
Ú7sem ne setátkwa, ú7sem ne setátkwa,

Pretend to drop
with tiny eggs

R sqaltn7úwi ú7sem ne setátkwa, ne setátkwa.

hands.

(This verse sung slowly)

Re sqaltn7úwi clílca ne setátkwa,
clílca ne setátkwa, clílca ne setátkwa,

Palms together
making slow waving
motions to the floor.

Re sqaltn7úwi qwtsaq ne setátkwa,
ne setátkwa.

Finally hands and body rest on floor.

(This verse sung quicker) With all fingers

Re sxwáxwla ma7
kúma ne setátkwa,
kúma ne setátkwa,
kúma ne setátkwa,
Re sxwáxwla ma7
kúma ne setátkwa, ne setátkwa.

wiggling
quickly rise up
from the floor
and energetically
move about the room.

Swawll ell Sxýána
Tune: Ten Little Indians

Nekú7, sesále, kellás ᲈ te swawll.
Mus, tsilkst, tq̓makst ᲈ te swawll.
Tsútsllka7, nk̓7u7ps, tallnkúkw7a
 ጀ te swawll,
Úpakst ᲈ kúma ᲈ te swawll.

Scwicw, Skwakwína ell Gayú7
Tune: Oats and Beans and Barley grow

Scwicw, skwakwína ell gayú7.
Scwicw, skwakwína ell gayú7.
A7llq, a7llq.
Xwexwáyt r swat ma7 illn.

Swáti7 Ma7 Sqwlax N7álye?
Tune: "Here We Go Gathering Nuts in May"

Animals and Birds:

Splánt (Skunk), Sisk̓ (Ground hog), Weswísxa (Robin)
Snína (Owl), Spalqwáqs (Eagle):

Swáti7 ma7 sqwlax n7ályá te sitqt,
n7ályá te sitqt, n7ályá te sitqt?
Swáti7 ma7 sqwlax n7ályá te sitqt,
ne nawt ell ts'allt te scwáñwa?

Swáti7 ma7 snína n7ályá te sitqt,
n7ályá te sitqt, n7ályá te sitqt?
Swáti7 ma7 snína n7ályá te sitqt,
ne nawt ell ts'allt te scwáñwa?

Setsíntn e Píxm-ucw ṫek Ts'i7

Tune: Here we Go Looby Loo

Wíkta-kucw r ts'i7,
sts'lawt ne nkact.
Kwans r swalmíñ, r qá7tsa,
m-tsqálnsas r ts'i7.

Astkíc r ts'i7,
qwtsaq e ts'i7.
R qá7tsa astúllas.
Pyin ma7 c7illn-kt ṫek ts'i7.

Slá7e ma7 llúmkwa ṫek s̕tcátkwa,
R Síntsa ma7 illn te ts'i7,
R Kyá7a ma7 kwans r scwałmíñ,
R Máma7 ma7 kúla ṫek skac.

Xwexwáyt r ts'i7 ma7 tnmiñc.
Ma7 kúla-k ṫek scwałmíñ,
R titñc ma7 tqwamín,
R spálma ma7 tákceñ.

R paxpíxa ma7 titéy.
R paxpíxa ma7 titéy.
Xwexwáyt r tsqwátstn ma7 ts7acw.
Ma7 pwum ell ma7 titéy.

Thá7a le Stum̕kst?

Tune: Where is thumbkin?

Thá7a le stum̕kst? Thá7a le stum̕kst?
N7álya w7ác-wa, n7álya w7ác-wa!
Cwelcwáltn-k pyin?
Má7a kukwstsámc.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw.

Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am, here I am.
How are you today?
Very well thank you,
Run and play.
Run and play.

Thá7a le stum̕kst? Thá7a le stum̕kst?
N7álya w7ác-wa, n7álya w7ác-wa!
Cwelcwáltn-k pyin?
Má7a kukwstsámc.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw.

Thá7a le skmu7sákst? Thá7a le skmu7sákst?
N7álya w7ác-wa, n7álya w7ác-wa,
Cwelcwáltn-k pyin?
Má7a kukwstsámc.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw

Thá7a le sc7etacákst? Thá7a le sc7etacákst?
N7álya w7ác-wa, n7álya w7ác-wa,
Cwelcwáltn-k pyin?
Má7a kukwstsámc.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw

Thá7a le stemcecékst? Thá7a le stemcecékst?
N7álya w7ác-wa, n7álya w7ác-wa,
Cwelcwáltn-k pyin?
Má7a kukwstsámc.
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw
Qwetsáts-ca ma7 sáys-ucw.

Lligwpmt r Ptsakll
Tune: London Bridges

Lligwpmt r ptsakll,
r ptsakll,
r ptsakll,
Lligwpmt r ptsakll, ne tmicw.

Tsiqw all kwalt r ptsakll,
r ptsakll,
r ptsakll.
Tsiqw all kwalt r ptsakll,
Lligwpmt ne tmicw.

Cw7it ḫ te tspukúlacw r ptsakll,
r ptsakll,
r ptsakll..
Cw7it ḫ te tspukúlacw r ptsakll,
ne tmicw.

Skáki7 ne Xlílap

Tune: Spider on the Floor

Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap. (floor)

Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.

Yacwmínta háqa e plap.

Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.

Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.

Pyin r Skáki7 na7 tk̓máqstca7, na7 tk̓máqstca7. (shin)

O r Skáki7 na7 tk̓máqstca7, Skáki7 na7 tk̓máqstca7.

O wenácwu te ximálkca,

r Sáki7 na7 tk̓máqstca7.

Nray r Skáki7 na7 tk̓máqstca7, na7 tk̓máqstca7.

Pyin r Skáki7 na7 welánk, na7 welánk. (stomach)

O r Skáki7 na7 welánk, na7 welánk.

Kúlas r tsitcws te sts'mank,

y7ána te Skáki7 na7 welánk.

Nray r Skáki7 na7 welánk, na7 welánk.

Pyin r Skáki7 na7 xwqwyaypstn, xwqwyaypstn. (neck)

O r Skáki7 na7 xwqwyaypstn, na7 xwqwyaypstn,

O r Skáki7 ma7 gayáp, (will get angry)

pell skáki7-k na7 xwqwyaypstn.

Nray r Skáki7 na7 xwqwyaypstn, na7 xwqwyaypstn.

Pyin r Skáki7 na7 skwtus, na7 skwtus (face)

O r Skáki7 na7 skwtus, na7 skwtus.
O e kúlat.s te7 skasús,
r Skáki7 na7 skwtus .
Nray r Skáki7 na7 skwtus, na7 skwtus.

Pyin r Skáki7 na7 sqápqa, na7 sqápqa. (head)
O r Skáki7 na7 sqápqa, na7 sqápqa.
Pyin tkitsc na7 skmápqa,
r Skáki7 na7 skmápqa
Nray r Skáki7 na7 sqápqa, na7 sqápqa.
Háqa ma7 llgwilc r Skáki7 pyin!

Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap. (floor)
Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.
Yacwmínta háqa e plap.
Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.
Nray r Skáki7 ne xlílap, ne xlílap.

CuȢ Úllcwā ne Necnústn̄
Tune: Going In and Out the Window

CuȢ úllcwā ne necnústn̄
CuȢ úllcwā ne necnústn̄
CuȢ úllcwā ne necnústn̄
M-xíla-k mall ḫri7.

Kwánta ka7 kwellsáýsa
Kwánta ka7 kwellsáýsa
Kwánta ka7 kwellsáýsa
M-xíla-k mall ḫri7.

Xwexwistán ra Qá7tsa, ell ra Kí7ca
Tune: J'aime papa, J'aime mama

Children hold up different fingers to represent different members of their family.

Xyum r sxwexwistán ra qá7tsa, ell xyum r sxwexwistán ra kí7ca,
I love my father and I love my mother,

ell xyum r sxwexwistán ra kic ell ra qatsk.
and I love big sister and big brother.

Xyum r sxwexwistán ra síntsa, ell xyum r sxwexwistán ra tsátsa,
I love little brother and I love little sister,

ell xyum r sxwexwistán ra kyá7a, ell ra slá7a.
and I love grandmother and grandfather.

W7ac Lu7 r Kiyáy7a

Tune: There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns r cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r skáki7,
m-Ɂwiyáyes ne ckmálts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns r cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r spyu7.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns r spyu7?
M-7illns r spyu7 e skwawáns r skáki7,
M-Ɂwiyáyas ne ckmálts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns r cméye?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r pus.
Ta7 k stselxastán ɬhá7a k-xílas.
M-7illns r pus e skwawáns r spyu7.
M-7illns r spyu7 e skwawáns r skáki7.
M-Ɂwiyáyas ne ckmálts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns ɬte cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r sqáxa.
Ta7 k stselxastán ɬhá7a k-xílas.

M-7illns r sqáxa e skwawáns r pus.
M-7illns r pus e skwawáns r spyu7.
M-7illas r spyu7 e skwawáns r skáki7,
M-Ɂ̓wiyáyas ne c̓kmállts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns ṫe cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r sxwatáy.
Ta7 k stselxastán ṫhá7a k-xílas.
M-7illns r sxwatáy e skwawáns r sqáxa,
M-7illns r sqáxa e skwawáns r pus,
M-7illns r pus e skwawáns r spyu7,
M-7illns r spyu7 e skwawáns r skáki7,
M-Ɂ̓wiyáyas ne c̓kmállts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns ṫe cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r sta7mált.
Ta7 k stselxastán ṫhá7a k-xílas.
M-7illns r sta7mált e skwawáns r sxwatáy,
M-7illns r sxwatáy e skwawáns r sqáxa,
M-7illns r sqáxa e skwawáns r pus,
M-7illns r pus e skwawáns r spyu7,
M-7illns r spyu7 e skwawáns r skáki7,
M-Ɂ̓wiyáyas ne c̓kmállts'as nukw.
M-7illns r skáki7 e skwawáns r cmáya.
Kánmes-aka r s7illns ṫe cmáya?
Háqa ma7 qwtsaq.

W7ac lu7 r Kiyáy7a, m-7illns r nts'a7sqáxa7.
M-qwtsáqas lu7!

Re S7axtekákst ne C̓katáṁ

You Put your Right Hand In
Tune: Hokey Pokey

Re s7axtekákst ne c̓katáṁ.
Re s7axtekákst ma7 cklla7tác.
Re s7axtekákst ne c̓katáṁ.
Ma7 q̓wyákstm-ucw ṫek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Re sts'kwa7ákst ne c̓katáṁ.
Re sts'kwa7ákst ma7 cklla7tác.
Re sts'kwa7ákst ne c̓katáṁ.
Ma7 q̓wyákstm-ucw ṫek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Re s7axtekcáñ ne c̓katáṁ.
Re s7axtekcáñ ma7 cklla7tác.
Re s7axtekcáñ ne c̓katáṁ.
Ma7 q̓wicnáṁ-ucw ṫek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Re sts'kwa7cáñ ne c̓katáṁ.
Re sts'kwa7cáñ ma7 cklla7tác.
Re sts'kwa7cáñ ne c̓katáṁ.
Me q̓wicnáṁ-ucw ṫek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Re s̄qápq̄a ne c̄katám.
Re s̄qápq̄a ma7 cklla7tác.
Re s̄qápq̄a ne c̄katám.
Ma7 q̄wiqína-k ̄tek la7.
Ell ma7 cwlpatsút-k enwí7.

Re c̄kmímk̄a ne c̄katám.
Re c̄kmímk̄a ma7 cklla7tác.
Re c̄kmímk̄a ne c̄katám.
Me q̄wipíka7 ̄tek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Enwí7 ne c̄katám.
Enwí7 ma7 cklla7tsút-k.
Enwí7 ne c̄katám.
Ma7 q̄wiyat̄sút-ucw ̄tek la7.
Ell ma7 cwelpatsút-k enwí7.

Ma7 St̄7ak te Tágwa

Tune: She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain

1

Ma7 st̄7ak te tágwa e st̄7ákwas.
Ma7 st̄7ak te tágwa e st̄7ákwas.
Ma7 st̄7ak te tágwa,
Ma7 st̄7ak te tágwa,
Ma7 st̄7ak te tágwa e st̄7ákwas.

2

Ma7 tscmut nek nuxwstsút e st̄7ákwas, gum! gum!
Ma7 tscmut nek nuxwstsút e st̄7ákwas, gum! gum!
Ma7 tscmut nek nuxwstsút,
Ma7 tscmut nek nuxwstsút
Ma7 tscmut nek nuxwstsút e st̄7ákwas, gum! gum!

3

Ma7 tagwágw-kt tek ma7 t7áyata e st̄7ákwas. Wayt-k!
Ma7 tagwágw-kt tek ma7 t7áyata e st̄7ákwas. Wayt-k!
Ma7 tagwágw-kt tek ma7 t7áyata,
Ma7 tagwágw-kt tek ma7 t7áyata,
Ma7 tagwágw-kt tek ma7 t7áyata e st̄7ákwas. Wayt-k! gum! gum!

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Ma7 púlsta r lakwákw e st̄7ákwas. ɬmam, ɬmam
Ma7 púlsta r lakwákw e st̄7ákwas. ɬmam, ɬmam
Ma7 púlsta r lakwákw,
Ma7 púlsta r lakwákw,
Ma7 púlsta r lakwákw e st̄7ákwas. ɬmam, ɬmam, Wayt-k! gum! gum!

5

Ma7 c7illn-kt ṭek spyu7 e st̄7ákwas. nam, nam
Ma7 c7illn-kt ṭek spyu7 e st̄7ákwas. nam, nam
Ma7 c7illn-kt ṭek spyu7,
Ma7 c7illn-kt ṭek spyu7,
Ma7 c7illn-kt ṭek spyu7, e st̄7ákwas. nam, nam , tmam! tmam!
Wayt-k! gum! gum !

6

Ma7 atíc maṭa kyá7a e st̄7ákwas. xuxw, xuxw
Ma7 atíc maṭa kyá7a e st̄7ákwas. xuxw, xuxw
Ma7 atíc maṭa kyá7a,
Ma7 atíc maṭa kyá7a,
Ma7 atíc maṭa kyá7a e st̄7ákwas. xuxw, xuxw
nam! nam! tmam! tmam! Wayt-k! gum! gum

7

Ma7 k7ap r púsma-kt e qwetsátsas. ts'7um! ts7um!
Ma7 k7ap r púsma-kt e qwetsátsas. ts'7um! ts7um!
Ma7 k7ap r púsma-kt,
Ma7 k7ap r púsma-kt,
Ma7 k7ap r púsma-kt e qwetsátsas. ts'7um! ts7um! xuxw, xuxw nam!
nam! tmam! tmam! Wayt-k! gum! gum !

R Sqálacw Mut ne Tsitcw

Tune: Farmer In The Dell

1

R sqálacw mut ne tsitcw.
R sqálacw mut ne tsitcw.
Le, le, le, le, le, le.
R sqálacw mut ne tsitcw.

2

R sqálacw kwnam ḫe sa7á7a.
R sqálacw kwnam ḫe sa7á7a.
Le, le, le, le, le, le.
R sqálacw kwnam ḫe sa7á7a.

3

R sa7á7a kwnam ḫe skúya.
R sa7á7a kwnam ḫe skúya.
Le, le, le, le, le, le.
R sa7á7a kwnam ḫe skúya.

4

R skúya kwnam ḫe sqáxa.
R skúya kwnam ḫe sqáxa.
Le, le, le, le, le, le.
R skúya kwnam ḫe sqáxa.

5

R sqáxa kwnam ḫe pus.
R sqáxa kwnam ḫe pus.
Le, le, le, le, le, le.
R sqáxa kwnam ḫe pus.

6

R pus kwnam ṭe kwák̓wtna.

R pus kwnam ṭe kwák̓wtna.

Le, le, le, le, le, le.

R pus kwnam ṭe kwák̓wtna.

7

R kwák̓wtna kwnam ṭe qap̓cw.

R kwák̓wtna kwnam ṭe qap̓cw.

Le, le, le, le, le, le.

R kwák̓wtna kwnam ṭe qap̓cw.

8

Cu᷇ e kwánta re qap̓cw.

Cu᷇ e kwánta re qap̓cw.

Le, le, le, le, le, le.

Cu᷇ e kwánta re qap̓cw.

Nsxqálqltac

Tune: This Is The Way We ...

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec sacwmú́yus, ec sacwmú́yus, (swimming)
ec sacwmú́yus.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec sacwmú́yus,
nsxqálqltac.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec ústas, ec ústas, (diving)
ec ústas.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec ústas,
nsxqálqltac.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec tatá́wsas, ec tatá́wsas, (horseback riding)
ec tatá́wsas.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas ec tatá́wsas,
nsxqálqltac.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas r qwlqwíláwa, r qwlqwíláwa, (berrypicking)
r qwlqwíláwa.

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas r qwlqwíláwa,
nsxqálqltac. (Pick berries)

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas m-xúsas, m-xúsas, m-xúsas. (making ice cream)

ᵀ7ána ec r xílmas m-xúsas,
nsxqálqltac.

Ć7ána ec r xílmas r titáy, r titáy, r titáy. (dancers)
Ć7ána ec r xílmas r titáy,
nsxqálqltac.

Píqw-ata r Spelqwáqs
Tune: Traditional Drum

Píqw-ata r spelqwáqs
Tcúsa te písall
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho.

Píqw-ata r cucwlá7.
Qním-ata te qwqlut.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata r snína.
Píxa te kwákwtna.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho,

Píqw-ata r spaqmíc.
Yact r xwqwyapstns.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho.

Píqw-ata r kikáyt
Píxa te spipyú7a.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata r weswísxa.
Ts7illnst.s r papíp7asa.

Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata r íswall.
Qním-ata te ímna.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho,

Píqw-ata r squwáy
Tsknucwst.s xwaxwáyt r mescáñ.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata r s7ástcu,
Ec sácwu ne setátkwa.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho.

Píqw-ata r kwsicw,
Tucwt te kekáw te tmicw.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho,

Píqw-ata r swwáxwna
Qílqalt te spipyúy7a.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho,

Píqw-ata r qwyíkna,
qwámqwamt r stqwiqwíyt.s.
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata xwaxwáyt r spipyúy7a,
Píqw-ata xwaxwáyt r spipyúy7a,
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Píqw-ata xwaxwáyt r spipyúy7a,
Píqw-ata xwaxwáyt r spipyúy7a,
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho

Sc̓awt, Sc̓awt
Tune: Echo, Echo

Sc̓awt, sc̓awt
Kekáw-k nukw.
M-táy̕pactsac xwaxwáyt te nsqwlut.

Echo, echo
So far away

Sc̓awt, sc̓awt
Tá7a ri7 k sla7s
Tá7us ka7 stáy̕pa.

Echo, echo
It isn't right
Do not imitate.

Keklánama, Pyín7uy

Tune: Put Your Little Foot Right Here

(For changing stations - Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grade 1's)

Keklánama:

Keklánama, keklánama, keklánama, pyín7uy.
Keklánama, keklánama, keklánama, pyín7uy.

Sxyána:

Pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyín7uy.
Pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyin ma7 xyána-k, pyín7uy.
pyín7uy.

Skwallqiyam:

Pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k, pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k,
Pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k, pyín7uy.
Pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k, Pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k,
Pyin ma7 kwallqiyám-k, pyín7uy.

Tsptákwla:

Ma7 tsptákwla, ma7 tsptákwla, ma7 tsptákwla, pyín7uy.
Ma7 tsptákwla, ma7 tsptákwla, ma7 tsptákwla, pyín7uy.

Swáti7 k Nqwtsína te Lputéy?
“Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie jar?”
Tune: Swing Rhythm in 4/4 time.

The students keep time by alternately:

Clapping their hands and slapping their legs.
Clapping and slapping is sustained rhythmically throughout the entire chant.
The rhythm must not be interrupted by indecision!
Have a volunteer for the first person.

Whole Group:

Swáti7 k nqwtsína te lputáy?
Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar

Re Minnie nqwtsína te lputáy.
Minnie stole from the cookie jar.

Minnie:

Yan, re tsáwa7? Who me!

Group:

Má7a enwí7! Yes, you!

Minnie:

Tá7 k syacs re tsáwa7! Not me!

Group:

Swáti7 Yam? Then who did?

(At this point, Minnie must think fast in choosing the next person to be accused, without loosing the beat).

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Minnie:

R Tekáwus nqwtsína te lputáy !

TeKawus:

Yan, re tsáwa7?

Who me?

Group:

Má7a enwi7!

Yes, you!

TeKawus:

Tá7 k syacs re tsáwa7!

It wasn't me!

Group:

Swáti7 yam?

Then who did?

The last person chosen can end the chant by saying “Má7a” and pretend to eat.

Early Childhood/Beginner Songs

La7 r Ápels Tikwatús

Apples are good all the Time

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

Ma7 qwláwa k txaximúsa7.

I will pick big apples.

Ma7 txéwsan.

I will peel them.

Ma7 níka.

I will cut them.

Ma7 qwlentán.

I will bake them.

Ma7 i7lln.

I will eat them

La7 r ápels tikwatús.

Apples are good all the time.

Illn, illn, xap, xap, xap.

Eat, eat, crunch, crunch, crunch

Illn, illn, xap, xap, xap.

Eat, eat, crunch, crunch, crunch

Illn, illn, xap, xap, xap.

Eat, eat, crunch, crunch, crunch

La7 r ápels tikwatús.

Apples are good all the time.

Qníma r Skenknap

I Heard the Thunder

Tune: Frere Jacques

Qníma r skenknap

I heard the thunder.

Qníma r skenknap

I heard the thunder.

Qnímaca?

Do you hear it?

Qnímaca?

Do you hear it?

Kesásqt! kesásqt!

Rain! rain!

Kesásqt! kesásqt!

Rain! rain!

Lletllát-ka!

I am wet,

ell lletllát-k enwí7!

and so are you.

R Sqwlax Rápalc ne Tsquqúm

Tune: The Bear Went Over the Mountain

R sqwlax rápalc ne tsqúqwam.
R sqwlax rápalc ne tsqúqwam.
R sqwlax rápalc ne tsqúqwam.
e stcúsas ḫri7 ṫek stam.

The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
to see what he could see.

Yáxmell tsukw r swíkas,
Yáxmell tsukw r swíkas,
r tkanú7 ṫe tsqúqwem r swíkas,
tkanú7 ṫe tsqúqwam,
tkanú7 ṫe tsqúqwam.
Ri7 tsukw r swíkas.

But all that he could see
But all that he could see
was the other side of the mountain
The other side of the mountain
The other side of the mountain
was all that he could see.

Pyin te Sitqt

Weather Song

Tune: Charlotte Diamond's Song

Gwasgwást, gwasgwást, gwasgwást, gwasgwást. sunny
Pyin te sitqt, pyin te sitqt,
gwasgwást, gwasgwást.

Sk̄asásqt, sk̄asásqt, sk̄asásqt, sk̄asásqt.
Pyin ṭe sitqt, pyin ṭe sitqt,
Sk̄asásqt, sk̄asásqt.

Nawt, nawt, nawt, nawt. wind
Pyin te sitqt, pyin te sitqt,
Nawt, nawt.

Wucwt r tmicw, wucwt r tmice. snow
Pyin te sitqt, pyin te sitqt,
Wucwt r tmicw

N7ikw, n7ikw, n7ikw, n7ikw. waves (white caps)
Pyin r pásallkwa, pyin r pásallkwa.
N7ikw, n7ikw.

Other Ideas:

kw7al r tmicw

ptsakllm r tmicw

Ts'áwkstma

Wash your hands

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Ts'áwkstma, ts'áwkstma,
Ts'áwkstma, ts'áwkstma.
Ts'áwkstma, ts'áwkstma.
Státma7-ca pyin.

Xúsata re kalc, re kalc, re kalc.
Xúsata re kalc,
Státma7-ca pyin.

Táka la7 re kalc, re kalc, re kalc.
Táka la7 re kalc,
re kalc pyin.

E Ts7ácw-ucw ell e Tselxastácwás

Tune: If You're happy and you know it

**E ts7ácw-ucw ell e tselxastáć
tqwáqstma7.** (clap, clap)

**E ts7ácw-ucw ell e tselxastáć
tqwáqstma7.** (clap, clap)

**E ts7ácw-ucw ell e tselxastáć
re skwtus ma7 tsqwetsamí7
E ts7ácw-ucw ell e tselxastáć
tqwáqstma7.** (clap, clap)

Kuwáta

Tune: Frere Jacques

Kuwáta, kwáta, kwáta, kwáta. (walk)

Llugw, llugw, llugw. (jump)
Llugw, llugw, llugw.

**Náwalc, náwalc, náwalc,
Náwalc, náwalc, náwalc.** (run)

Cuý e astíł-kt, cuý e astíł-kt. (let us stop)

La7 te S7illn!

Tune: Frere Jacques

Each child chooses a type of food for a response.

Foods: fish; fried bread; potatoes; berries; deer meat.

Illn-ke ṫe swawll, illn-ke ṫe swawll.

Illn-ke ṫe spíxla7cw, illn-ke ṫe spíxla7cw

Illn-ke ṫe peták, illn-ke ṫe peták

Illn-ke ṫe spaqáq, illn-ke ṫe spaqáq.

Illn-ke ṫe ts'i7, Illn-ke ṫe ts'i7.

Teacher

Taytn r (John)?

Is John hungry?

Taytn r (John)?

Each child in turn:

Má7a táyt-ke, má7a táyt-ke,

Yes I'm hungry.

Má7a táyt-ke, má7a táyt-ke,

All the children:

La7 te s7illn, la7 te s7illn.

It's good food

Teacher

Máq'a-kp stsmámelt, máq'a-kp stsmámelt? Children have you had

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All the children:

Má7a máq-kucw, má7a máq-kucw. Yes we have had enough to eat.

Teacher

Cuʔ yam e c7atíc-kt, cuʔ yam e c7atíc-kt, Let us take a nap, let us take a nap.
Cuʔ yam e c7atíc-kt, cuʔ yam e c7atíc-kt.

All Together:

Xuxw, xuxw, xuxw. (snoring)
Xuxw, xuxw, xuxw.

Wayt-k

Tune: Skip to My Lou

Wayt-k , lá7a-k ɬucw?
Wayt-k, lá7a-k ɬucw?
Wayt-k, lá7a-k ɬucw?
pyin te sitqt?

Hello, how are you?
on this day.

Má7a, la7-ke ɬucw.
Má7a, la7-ke ɬucw.
Má7a, la7-ke ɬucw.
pyin te sitqt.

Yes, I'm fine.
on this day.

N7álya Xwexwáytet

Tune: The more we get together
Substitute the names

N7álya xwexwáytet, xwexwáytet, xwexwáytet.
N7álya xwexwáytet, xwexwáytet, xwexwáytet.
We are here all together, together, together.
We are here all together, together, together.

Y7ána r Seth, ell Christine, ell April, ell Anita Rose,
y7ána r Catherine, ell Jordan, ell Stacey, ell David.
N7álya xwexwáytat, xwexwáytat, sisáysa-kt.
This is Seth, and Christine, and April and Anita Rose,
this is Christine, and Jordan and Stacey and David.
We are here all together, together, together.

Skápqa, Tk̓mána
Tune: Head and Shoulders

Skápqa, tk̓mána, sk̓máwistca,
sk̓máwistca, sk̓máwistca.

Head, shoulders, knees,
knees, knees.

Skápqa, tk̓mána, sk̓máwistca,
sk̓máwistca, sk̓máwistca.
ell r s̓q̓waxt.

Head, shoulders, knees,
knees, knees,
and the feet.

Secwepmc-Ke

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?

1

Secwepmc-ke ɬe núnxwaxw,
ɬe núnxwaxw, ɬe núnxwaxw.
Secwepmc-ke ɬe núnxwaxw,

Chorus:

Re tsáwa7 Secwepmc.
Re tsáwa7 Secwepmc.
Swáti7 k Secwepmc.
Re tsáwa7 Secwepmc.

2

Secwepmc-ke ɬe tuwíwt, ɬe tuwíwt, ɬe tuwíwt.
Secwepmc-ke ɬe tuwíwt, Secwepmc-ke.
Secwepmc-ke ɬe tuwíwt.

Chorus:

3

O tsxwánta e qwiqwyílc-kt, e qwiqwyílc-kt, e qwiqwyílc-kt.
O tsxwánta e qwiqwyílc-kt, e qwiqwyílc-kt.
E qwiqwyílc-kt n7álya.

Chorus:

4

O pyin ma7 tsmeryíy-kt, ma7 tsmeryíy-kt, ma7 tsmeryíy-kt,
O pyin ma7 tsmeryíy-kt,
Ma7 tsmeryíy-kt well nuwí7-kt.

Chorus:

Ḱwóyí7sa ṭe Skáki7
Tune: Eensy, Weensy Spider

Ḱwoyí7sa ṭe skáki7 m-rápelc nu7 ne tsrap.

Tser7ápes r skásásqt,
m-kwáwtes r skáki7.

The itsy, bitsy spider climbed up the tree.
Along came the rain
the spider floated away.

Le tskwtákes r skwákw7es,
m-xwúłacwes r tmicw.

Ḱwoyí7sa ṭe skáki7 m-rápelcwas cuy̓tsam.

When the sun came up,
it dried the earth.

The itsy, bitsy spider climbed up once again.

Re Sqlaw ḫe Stan Nckmakst

Tune: There's a Penny in My Hand

One child leaves room while all the group passes a coin around

R sqlaw ḫe stan ne nckmakst,
m-qwetsáts ḫe sxwaxwiyúłacwas r tmicw.

ᵀ7álya, ṫhá7a?
M-kána le sqlew?

Around the circle

Guesser Asks:

“Yan ke sqwílalc?”

The child returns to guess.

Answer:

“Má7a qwílalc-ke”

The children in the circle pretend to have a coin.

Guesser Asks

“Yan enwí7?”

Is it you?

“Tá7a re tsáwa7”

Response if a child has no coin.

“Má7a qwílalc-ke”

Response if a child has the coin.

Guesser

“Swáti7 yam?”

If guesser gives up

Coin Holder

“Re tsáwa7!”

The one with the coin shows coin.

Nekú7, Sesála, Kellás

Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Nekú7, sesála, kellás, mus, tsilkst.

Tsetsátas ke sxyána.

One, two, three, four, five,

pronounce the numbers properly.

Teqmákst, tsútsllka7, nek7ú7ps, tallenkúkw7a,

úpakst, ma7 sxyána-kt.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,

we will count.

Úpakst, sell7úpakst, kell7úpakst,

r m-xpqawánta.

Ten, twenty, thirty,

we have learned about.

Mell7úpakst, tsetskell7úpakst, teqmakll7úpakst,

ma7 sxyána-kt.

Fourty, fifty, sixty,

we will count

Tsetskell7úpakst ell nekw7u7pll7úpakst

ma7 sxyána-kt.

Ell tallenkú7pll7úpakst, ma7 xaxawíl-cwat.

Wel ma7 tallenkú7pll7úpakst ell tallenkúk7a te sxetspqíqakst.

Ell neku7 te scanc.

Yirí7 sxtsaps r sxyána.

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Seventy, eighty
we will count.
And ninety, then we are getting very smart.
All the way to nine hundred and ninety nine.
One thousand.
The counting ends here.

T7ána ec r Xílmes

Tune: Mulberry Bush

Washing the face

T7ána ec r xílmes ec ts'áwsmes,
ec ts'áwsmas, ec ts'áwsmes.

T7ána ec r xílmes ec ts'áwsmes,
n7álya te scwáñwa.

Combing Hair

T7ána ec r xílmes ec wucwqínmes,
ec wucwqínmes, ec wucwqínmes.

T7ána ec r xílmes ec wucwqínmes,
n7álya te scwáñwa.

Brushing Teeth

T7ána ec r xílmes ec cts'áwtsames,
ec cts'éwtsenmes, ec cts'éwtsames.

T7ána ec r xílmes ec cts'áwtsames,
n7álya te scwáñwa.

Other Ideas:

yex

llucwllúcwna put shoes on

llellúcwá put a dress on

Sally Tsllucwstás Re...

Sally is wearing...

Tune: The Mulberry Bush

Vocabulary:

Colours	Days of The Week
tsiqw	Nekwásqt
qwiqwíyt	Selásqt
kwalt	Kellásqt
piq	Mesásqt
tsitsqw	Tsilkstásqt
qwiqwíyt	Teqmekstásqt
pagpágt	Sxetspásqt

Sally wears her red dress on Mondays :

Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma

Tune: My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean

Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Estíl-ca, Estíl-ca pyin.

(Walk)

Chorus

O, ḡwyíl-ca, ḡwyíl-ca,
ḡwyíl-ca, ḡwyíl-ca, ḡwyíl-ca,
Estíl-ca, Estíl-ca pyin.

(Dance)

Llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca
Llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca
Llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca, llgwíl-ca
Estíl-ca, Estíl-ca pyin.

(Jump)

Chorus

Náwel-ca, náwel-ca, náwel-ca
Náwel-ca, náwel-ca, náwel-ca
Náwel-ca, náwel-ca, náwel-ca
Estíl-ca, Estíl-ca pyin.

(Run)

Chorus

Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma, ḱuwátma
Estíl-ca, Estíl-ca pyin.

(walk slowly)

Nhá7a Lu7 La7 Skápqa?

Tune: Going in & out the window

Nhá7a lu7 la7 skápqa?

(head)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 skápqa?

Nhá7a lu7 la7 skápqa?

N7ána lu7 r skápqa!

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tána

(ear)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 ckwustn

(eye)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 spsaqs

(nose)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 splutsa

(mouth)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tícwa7tsk

(tongue)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tkwellkmusa7

(cheek)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 qawtn

(hair)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 xqyapstn

(neck)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tkmalas

(chest)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 welánk

(stomach)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 qu7

(navel)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 skwuts

(face)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tseplloya

(eye lashes)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tketmuya

(eye brow)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tkmápu7sqa

(chin)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 ckmmka

(back)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 splap

(buttocks)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 stsucn

(thigh)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tkmqstca7

(shin)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 kwellkatsca

(ankle)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 sqwaxt

(foot)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 ckmnkca

(sole)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 lexlxca

(toes)

Nhá7a lu7 la7 tkmna

(shoulder)

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Nhá7a lu7 la7 skwápstxa	(arm-upper)
Nhá7a lu7 la7 c̓kemllqáñkst	(elbow)
Nhá7a lu7 la7 kwell̓ka7tsenákst	(wrist)
Nhá7a lu7 la7 kalc	(hand)
Nhá7a lu7 la7 lexlíxkst	(finger)
Nhá7a lu7 la7 x̓qwexqínkst	(finger nail)

**Winter
and
Christmas
Songs**

La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a
Mary Had a Child

La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
Sisikrí r skwast.s r sk̕wimáṁelt.

R lisós ec r setsínmas, má7a.
R lisós ec r setsínmas, má7a.
R lisós ec r setsínmas, má7a.
Sisikrí r skwast.s r sk̕wimáṁelt.

R kupkúkwpi7 tsyagap, má7a.
R kupkúkwpi7 tsyagap, má7a.
R kupkúkwpi7 tsyagap, má7a.
Sisikrí r skwast.s r sk̕wimáṁelt.

La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
La7 Marí Peskúya, Má7a.
Sisikrí r skwast.s r sk̕wimáṁelt.

Pyin Ri7 Skult.s Xáx7a te Sk̓wimámel̓t

(French Tune: Il est né le divin infant)

This Christmas song, based on an old French carol called “Il nest ne le divine infant” was translated by Father LeJeune, and Secwepemc people, during the late nineteenth century. Marianne Ignace recorded the late Josephine Wenlock (1899-1997) singing it in 1988 and transcribed the words. In December 1997, Clothilde Thomas from Sugar Cane also sang it with the Williams Lake Secwepemc Language class. The lyrics below are written out in whole sentences. Note that in singing them, some parts are not pronounced. Watch for the stressed parts of the words when singing the hymns!

Chorus:

Pyin yirí7 skult.s xáx7a te sk̓wi- má- malt. La7 r púsmas xwexw
ayt r stsmámel̓t. Pyin yirí7 skult.s xáx7a te sk̓wi- má- malt.

Verse 1:

La7 r slá ma- ta tqálk-kúkw- pi7.
Yirí7 r sp̓7acws te mus taw- sa te-m- skult.s
Yirí7 stsacwmínta ri7 te sk̓wi- má- malt.

Chorus:

Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
Ts7acw r púsmas xwexwáyt r qelmúcw.
Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
La7 r slámatm r tqatk-kúkwpi7.

1.

Yirí7 r sp7acws te mus tawsan te m-skult.s
Yirí7 stsacwmíntm ri7 te skwimá̄malt.

Chorus:

Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
Ts7acw r púsmas xwexwáyt r qelmúcw.
Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
La7 r slámatm r tqatk-kúkwpi7.

2.

Yirí7 r sp7acws te mus tawsan te m-skult.s
Yirí7 r slaxáyactls y7ána te skwimá̄malt.

Chorus:

Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
Ts7acw r púsmas xwexwáyt r qelmúcw.
Pyin ri7 skult.s xáx7a te skwimá̄malt.
La7 r slámatm r tqatk-kúkwpi7.

Ne Pelltatáqa ṭe Mágca

The Huron Carol

1)

Ne Pelltatáqa ṭe Mágca
m-ťúcwtes r spipyúy7a.
R tqaltkúkpi7 m-tsunes r lisós e setsínas.

Te sts7akws tlri7
m-kasás r stiqt.
Qnímata ec ṭe paxpíxmas.

Kúltes r Sísikri,
kúltes r Sísikri.
Xaxá7 ṭe senkúkwpi7.

2)

Nsts'lallcw ṭe tskul ṭe pelpalán,
pamíntm r skwmáñelt.
Styágwts'a r skwmáñelt
nstslák ṭe sqwits-áylak.
Mimíntm ec ṭe paxpíxmas,
celtsín r lisós r satsínts:

Kúltes r Sísikri,
kúltes r Sísikri.
Xaxá7 ṭe senkúkwpi7.

3)

Tswánt-iya e tsacwmíntm
r tqaltkúkpi7 r sqwsa7s.
Y7ána te sk̓wimá̓malt
m-̓kult pyin te sitqt.
Ma7 tsucwmíntm r sk̓wimá̓malt.
Ma7 tsucwítls te púsma-kt

Kúltes r Sísikri,
kúltes r Sísikri.
Xaxá7 te senkúkwpi7.

Tskwá̱ki ḫe Swucwt-mucw

Tune: frosty the snowman

Translated by Bridget Dan of (Esket) Alkali Lake

Tskwá̱ki ḫe swucwt-mucw,
qílqalt ḫe st̄l-sqalcw.
Pell-cts' qú7atn
ell pell-sp̄saqs,
r cwkwtkw̄tústns tskul ḫe s̄qwyutsk.

Tskwá̱ki ḫe swucwt-mucw.
Tsúnta ḫek stseptákwl̄s.
Tskul ḫe swucwt,
kámell r stsmámelt tselxastás,
le m-tspíwas r nkú7ases.

Stánaka ḫri k stam
ne q̄7a7s ḫe qmut ḫe spepáns.
Le m-qmútmas
m-yaws ri7 r s̄qwyilcs.

Cu!

Tskwá̱ki ḫe swucwt-mucw,
ri7 m-swucwmílc̄s.
Ell r stsmámelt tsut
“Ec walímas ell ec sáyus
ts'ila ḫe well-nuwí7-kt.”

Pucw, pucw, pucw, pucw
pucw, pucw, pucw, pucw

Píqw-ata r tskwákwi te t7ak!

Pucw, pucw, pucw, pucw
pucw, pucw, pucw, pucw

Tlu7 ntspucw pucw te swucwt.

Tsxwánt-iya Xwexáyt-ep

(Oh Come All ye Faithful)

This translation of Adeste Fideles or “Oh Come All Ye Faithful” was made in about 1890 by Father LeJeune, OMI, who was a missionary among the Secwepemc for almost 40 years. Secwepemc people probably helped him with it. It was originally published in Chinook Shorthand in his booklet *Studies on Shuswap*. Ida Williams from Chu Chua taught it to Marianne Ignace in 1987, who recorded the words in Secwepemctsín. It is still remembered by many elders throughout Secwepemc country.

Tsxwánt-iya xwexwáyt-ep

Xwexwistám r qá7tsa-kt

Tsxwánt-iya, tsxwánt-iya ḫe Bethlehem

Y7ána ḫek sk̕wimáṁelt

R senkúkwpi7s r lesós

Tsxwánt-iya e tsecwmínta

Tsxwánt-iya e tsecwmínta

Tsxwánt-iya e tsecwmínta, tqalt kukwpi7-kt.

Pyin Christmas
Tune: Gloria

**Pyin Christmas, O la7 te qelmúcw
ne Bethlehem r kúltes Sisi.
Xwexwáyt pyin ts7acw r púsmas
Méta lisós ma7 setsícta.**

**Gloria in ecelsis Deo.
Gloria in ecelsis Deo.**

**Le q7áses qwaqwant r qelmúcw.
Ta7 k stsxwant.s r Sísi
Xwexwáyt pyin ts7acw r púsmas
Yirí7 skwimámel t ma7 setsícta.**

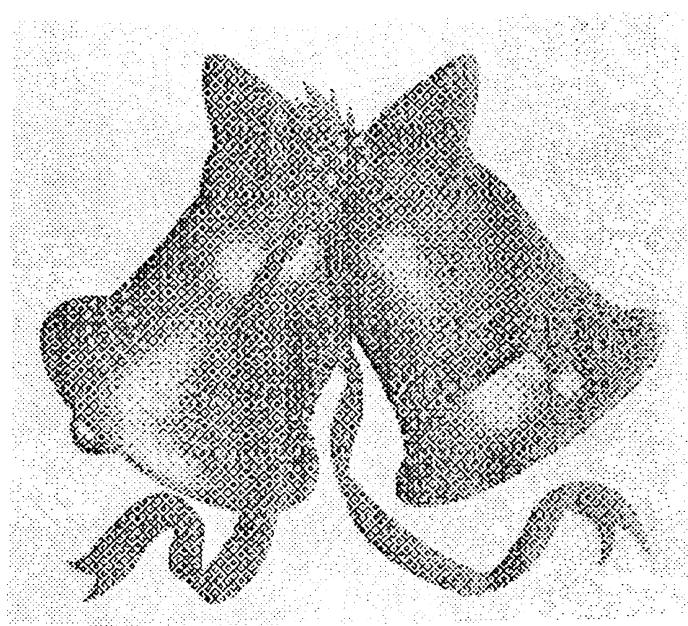
**Gloria in ecelsis Deo.
Gloria in ecelsis Deo.**

**Xwexwáyt pyin ts7acw setsín-miya.
Setsín-miya xwexwáyt-ep méta lisós.
Le tqaltkúkwpi7, Sisikrí.
Sesúxwast te qweqwastáls**

**Gloria in ecelsis Deo.
Gloria in ecelsis Deo.**

Tigw, Tigw, Tigw
(Jingle Bells)

This translation of Jingle Bells is known by many Secwepeme children. Bridget Dan from Alkali Lake (Eskét) first recorded it and also translated it into Secwepemetsín.



Tigw, tigw, tigw
Tigw, tigw, tigw
Tigw, tigw wel r m-yaws.

Qílqeltwilc ṫa7 sc7amút
nek̓wsqáxa7 ṭe leslí.

Cuy !

Tigw, tigw, tigw
Tigw, tigw, tigw

Tigw, tigw wel r m-yaws.

Qílqeltwilc ɬa7 sc7amút
nekw̓sqáxa7 te leslí.

Te ck̓máml̓es ɬlu7 ma7 t̓7ak-kt
Xwixwáya-kt tek ma7 t̓7ak-kt

Qílqelt te sw7ac,
Xwixwáya-kt wel ma7 kitsc-kt.

Cuý !

Tigw, tigw, tigw
Tigw, tigw, tigw
Tigw, tigw wel r m-yaws.

Qilqaltwílc ɬa7 sc7amút
nekw̓sqáxa7 te leslí.

Tuwíwt ec te Pwúmas (Little Drummer Boy)

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1) Tsxwánt-iye ri7 r stsútsantsas,
pa rum pa pum pum.

Ḱult r xexá7 te senkúkwpi7,
pa-rum pa pum pum.

La7úy te stam ma7 skectám,
pa-rum pa pum pum.

Ma7 mólctem ne scetáms
pa-rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum.

E sxyemstám,
pa rum pa pum pum.
E nesnás-et ṭlu7.

2) Yirí7 r sk̓wimáṁelt,
pa rum pa pum pum.
Ell qwaqwánt-ke,
pa rum pa pum pum.
Ta7-ke pell-skac ṭek stam,
pa rum pa pum pum

E skectám r senkúkwpi7,
pa rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum.

Ma7 pumíc-tsa,
pa rum pa pum pum
ne npumín.

3) Tsecwmíns r kí7ces ,
pa rum pa pum pum.

Qwyilcqína r tmescáñ ,

pa rum pa pum pum
pumíc-ta r senkúkwpi7,
pa rum pa pum pum

La7úy r spumímc-ta,
pa rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum,
rum pa pum pum.

M-tsecwmíntsas,
pa rum pa pum pum,
ri7 ell re pumín.

S7istk

(winter)

Tune: Charlotte Diamond's Weather Song

W7ac r wúcwtes r tmicw.

W7ac r wúcwtes r tmicw.

Ne s7istk

Ne s7istk

W7ac r wúcwtes r tmicw.

Ts'allt r swucwt.

Ts'allt r swucwt.

Ne s7istk

Ne s7istk

Ts'allt r swucwt.

Kiyáy r tmicw.

Kiyáy r tmicw.

Ne s7istk

Ne s7istk

Kiyáy r tmicw.

Sáysa ne swucwt r stsmámelt.

Sáysa ne swucwt r stsmámelt.

Ne s7istk

Ne s7istk

Sáysa ne swucwt r stsmámelt.

Kúla ṭe swúcwt-mucw r stsmámelt.

Kúla ṭe swúcwt-mucw r stsmámelt.

Ne s7istk

Ne s7istk

Kúla ṭe swúcwt-mucw r stsmámelt.

Swucwtmúcw-Ke

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

Swucwt-múcw-ke,
qweqwáqwma7t ell Ɂutst.
Y7ána re íxwla7p, y7ána re qmut.

I'm a little snowman,
short and fat.
Here is my broomstick, here is my hat.

E tskwtákes r skwákw7as,
ma7 llegwt-ke
M7ixw, m7ixw.
Tspásla7cw-ke pyin.

When the sun comes up,
I will melt away.
Melt, melt.
I'm a puddle now.

**Poems,
Prayers,
Finger Plays,
and Games**

Llegwllegwílc te Sáysa
Skipping Rope Songs and Games

Picking Berries:

(When you miss a number that's the number of baskets you filled).

Qwláwu te wunáx
Kwinc tek mimc ma7 qwats'.stc!
Nekú7, sesále, etc.

(What are you going to be?)

(The animal name you miss, that's the animal you are!).

Me7 stémi-k?

Sqwlaqs, kóso, teníya, tsi7
spyu7, xgwálacw, ska7cís
saráw, pus, sqáxa,
splánt, qwisp, kú7paca

bear, pig, moose, deer
bird, fox, grizzly bear
bob cat, cat, dog
skunk, buffalo, porcupine

How high can you count?

(until person misses)

Thá7a k-sts'ílas ma7 swist.s ka7 sxyána?
Nekú7, sesála, kellás, mus, tsilkst, taqmákst .

R Squ7lltálcw
Beehive

(Children make a bee hive with two hands, fingers interlocked)

Y7ána r squ7lltálcw Here Is The Beehive
M-kána le squ7llt? Where are the bees?
Ec negwílcwas e sta7s e swíkta ɬek swat. Hiding where nobody sees.

“Creep” the fingers of one hand out of the other then make them fly about.

Téka ec r tsqwíwalcwas Watch them come creeping
Estpá7llaxw te squ7ltálcw Out of their hive;
Nekú7 ell sesála ell kellás, mus, tsilkst. One and two and three, four, five.

S7axtekákst ell Ts'kwa7ákst
Left and Right
Right and Left (talk it)

S7axtekákst ell ts'kwa7ákst Left and Right
Y7ána re s7axtekákst. This is my right hand
Cwatán te wist. I raise it up high
Y7ána re ts'kwa7ákst. This is my left hand.

Kukwstsámc
Prayer Before Meals

Kukwstác-kucw Tqaltkúkpi7.
Kukwstác-kucw ṭe sumács.
Kukwstác-kucw ṭe kwsaltktns.
Kukwstác-kucw ṭe xwexwáyt ṭe stam n7álya ne tmicw.
Tucw Ts'ílam.

Y7ána ṭe Pus
Five Cats Finger Game

Y7ána ṭe pus q̄wmiws	(thumb) Wild
Y7ána ṭe pus la7	(pointer) Loving
Y7ána ṭe pus tqwiqwíyt	(middle) Black
Y7ána ṭe pus tpiq	(ring finger) White
Y7ána ṭe pus xwexwistás e sqwíwalcs, e sums, kámell r xelxlácw <small>s</small>	(all) Likes, creep Smell, teeth
kwoyi7sa7úwi e sclams!	Too small (little finger) To bite

Y7ána r Kyá7a r Cllecwllcústns
(Here are Gramma's Glasses)

Y7ána r Kyá7a r cllecwllcústns
Y7ána r Kyá7a r qmut.s,
Y7ána r Kyá7a r kelkálcs,
E tntáses ne tkacáns.

Fingers around eyes
Hands on head
Hands on lap

Y7ána r Slá7a r cllecwllcústns
Y7ána r Slá7a r qmut.s,
T7ána sts'ílast.s m-cúlkwases r skuwápsxas Arms folded in front of you.
Tri7 put ts'íla.

Fingers around eyes
Hands on head

Tsut r Simú

Simon Says
(talking game)

Tsut r Simoe:

- Explain carefully, have practise runs.
- To trick, sometimes just say “ tsut ”
- Anyone who moves is out.
- One will do the “action”,
- Only when words “Simú tsut”
- If no “Simú” is used do not move, if you move you’re out.

Simú Tsut:

Llwíl-ca	You jump
Kuwátma	You walk
Túcwta	You fly
pelítá	You lie down
Cítl-ca	You kneel
Ts’elíl-ca	Stand up
Qwyíl-ca	You dance
Ts7úm-ca	You punch
Estíl-ca	You stop

Tksam te S7aga7ca
Two Little Blackbirds (Crows)

Tksam te s7aga7ca
tsyam ne tkelcmáka7.
“Tqwiqwíyt” r skwast.s
ell “Salpí” r tnkwa7

Two crows
sitting on a branch.
Black is his name
and Sophie the other

Túcwta Tqwiqwíyt
Túcwta Salpí
Tspelqil-ca Tqwiqwíyt
Tspelqil-ca Salpí.

Fly away Blackbird.
Fly away Sophie.
Come back Blackbird.
Come back Sophie.

Tksála te Spipyúy7a

Two Little Birds

Tksála te spipyúy7a
tsyam ne tkmíka7.

Peter r skwast.s r tnkwa7.

Paul r skwast.s r tnkwa7.

Túcwta Peter, túcwta Paul.

Tsxwánta Peter, tsxwánta Paul.

Two little birds
sitting on a roof.

One named Peter.

One named Paul.

Fly away Peter, fly away Paul.

Come here Peter, come here Paul.