

Jeannie Olsen - paper on stick dance

Potlatches all week, also cake & coffee

Men sing songs to dead people, women dance

Friday face to sun

Sing 14 special songs Dance all night around pole

Pole is taken down

Saturday people are dressed to pay back for helping dead

(selling ring) person - all new clothes from family

Leonard Stickman (intro)

new songs sung, preparing for Stick dance on 10th

37 people being dressed

Names singers from last night (1st of celebration)

Singers sing sota hay

Edna Stickman - Story of Stick Dance (again) (better telling of story than on tape!)

trap martens in fall, every trap has marten in it

Pretty soon, he doesn't catch any more but

bait missing, some houses fallen in

He didn't know how. Marten tracks all around

In moonlight he watches house - Marten comes

and dances on top of house, making noise but

not singing. Jumped down and grabbed food.

Went home to bed, dreamed of marten singing

as well as dancing - fourteen times; different

songs

Wake up, sang songs all day - "got used of them"

Finished 14 songs and lots more songs too

Why did I dream those? Maybe my dead

relatives wanted food. Made 14 baskets filled

with food all around in house, sang songs and
threw each one in center fire to feed dead ones
Put sticks in house and decorated with red and
black - Sang all songs. All ~~was~~ alone, no relatives
Decided to start now for further ahead - shouldn't
go farther than Nulato

This dream started it, to find out that this
was the way to feed our children, care for dead
Even if we don't believe it, we try to keep it up
Everyone comes in and enjoys it
Teach our children the tradition so they can
continue on

Edna sings mourning song Good-bye
Dorothy Summer leads singing ~~Good-bye~~ My Sonny

Minnie Robertson, Vivian Peters, Paldine Carlo & Dorothy Summer

Decide couple of months before potlatch to begin planning
Must save for couple of years, save all money, Reserve
meat, moose (eat ribs, save rest, etc), mink, otter,
wolverine, wolf. - Save until cache is full of best

Grandmother dressed seven people for dead grandfather -
Took her 3 years - sacks in cache for each
muktuk, stockings, etc. Went to Unalalleet for
oil and muktuk - 4 day trip by dog team one way

Grandparents took Stick Dance seriously - scrub dance floor,
wore best clothes and clean - much respect for
dance hall - lost now to this generation.
Cleaner all the time then - dirty now

Young people understand traditions but don't have feeling for it - Only older women really still feel as grandparents^{did} for stick dance

Dish passed back and forth - before souls are put away good, we feed them. If someone forgets to pass it back, they go hungry

Still love dead ones, feel better to do something for them
"Feel like not to cry"

Sing special songs, made for special loved ones
Every other line rhymes with next one

Make special song for loved one, everything is meaningful
Example - song for older sister - gone to sleep, we depended on you, everyone wishes they could come to funeral, but so expensive to go to Fairbanks, we all love you

Sings song

Song for son - even people on outside are crying for you, because you were so fine - sent to hospital, dying of T.B., sent body home

Sing Koola