

## INDIAN MUSIC

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The sound of the ten-ton and the Indian pipe is not particularly pleasing to the cultivated musical ear. To the Indian, however, in his native state it is as beautiful as the finest symphony music or Sousa's band is to the civilized races.

Indian music is the music of primitive man. It is similar to music of all primitive people. In a sad minor key, most of the songs are almost without melody, absolutely without harmony, but all have a meaning peculiarly their own.

The Indian mother's lullaby is soft, sweet and soothing to the little babe, resting in its fragrant cedar swing cradle or snugly encased in a quaintly beaded papoose basket.

The young Indian brave woos his sweetheart with a love song as ardently as his white brother woos the pale face and although he may not sing "Love Me And The World Is Mine" to her willing and credulous ear his words express the admiration and poetic fancy of lovers, whatever their race or condition.

The war song is the song of savagery, of hatred and of revenge. All the fierce passions of man are expressed in its wild utterance. It is intended to excite men to deeds of bravery and of reckless courage. Many of the war songs have no words, but are used as the white man uses the brass band to rouse and inspire the warriors to deeds of valor and fill them with the lust of battle.

The medicine man's song is a chant used to stimulate and encourage the sick and to drive out the evil spirits

which cause the pain and torment of the invalid. Although the Indian is ignorant of English Literature he agrees with the poet who said, "Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast."

The death chant is the wail of mourning continued for hours, some times for days; sad and hopeless strains once heard can never be forgotten.

So you see that Indian music, although lacking the construction of the harmonious music of civilized nations, has a meaning to the Indian people when heard in its proper place and is not without a certain artistic fitness.

I will now sing to you one or two of the Indian songs of my own people which will of course lack much of the effect which would be produced were the setting in harmony with the music. I will give you a love song and a song of a medicine man. You will notice that nearly the same words are repeated over and over again. (Sang Indian Love and Medicine Songs.)

And now after having sung to you these songs, I will endeavor to sing a song written by a modern composer and I hope to be able to do it justice. (Sang "Goodnight, Beloved, Goodnight.")

Wm. Watkins was the star of the day on Wednesday in the field meet. He was not in trim, but for all that he easily took first place in the 120 yard hurdles, second place in the broad jump and 220 yd. hurdles and third place in the 220 yard dash, therefore making 12 points for the Amateurs out of 55 made by them.

Frank Kyselka, Superintendent Hoopa Valley Agency and school, writes that he is in need of a rapid and experienced clerk understanding typewriting and stenography, salary \$960 per annum, and states that he would be pleased to hear from any eligible clerk who desires a position.