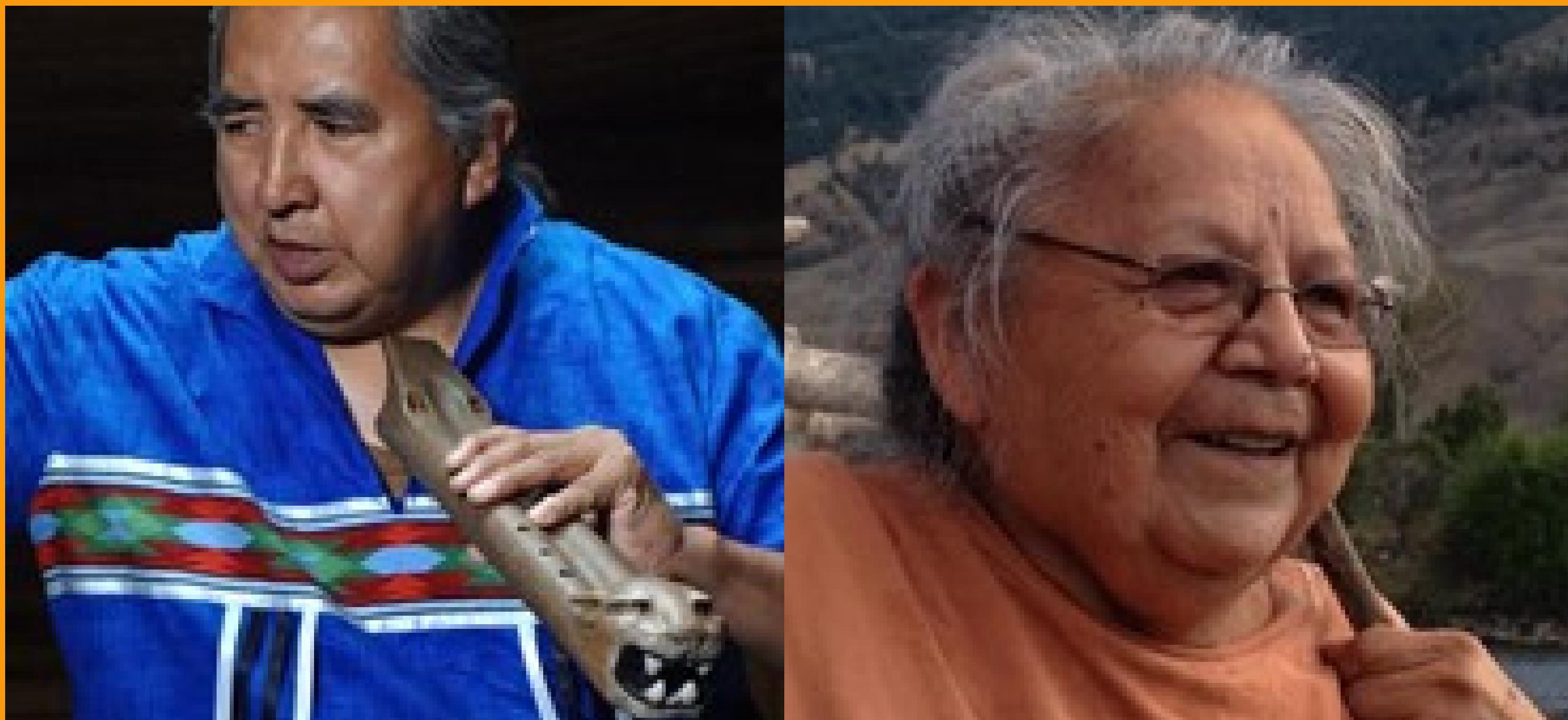


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# Our Elders' Winter Stories (with audio)

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# s?istk čaptíkwł (winter stories)

Each year it is our privilege, at Syilx Language House, to partner with several fluent Elders to record, transcribe, and share stories, which are published annually as part of our *Elders* series.

The two stories in this booklet were recorded for *Elders VII*, which was shared publicly in the summer of 2021. They are being released separately, in the winter, out of respect for the Syilx protocol of sharing čaptíkwł stories in the winter.

Please respect Herman Edward and Theresa Ann Terbasket's wishes and listen to these stories while there is snow in the mountains.

## i? Łx̓əχłxaptət (our Elders)

### **Qi'yisálxqn̄ Herman Edward**

is a member of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band and lives in Keremeos, B.C. He is a master storyteller, singer, flute player, cottonwood canoe carver, and traditional knowledge keeper. His parents are the late Isabel Edward (Louie) and Noel Edward. He teaches language and culture at Ntamłqn school in Cawston. He shares language and stories with all learners and is an award-winning musician.

### **Qʷəlmnałqs Theresa Ann Terbasket**

lives at Ntamłqn in Cawston, B.C.. She is a member of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. Her parents are the late Katherine Buckley Terbasket and Michel Terbasket. She is a patient, kind, and generous, fluent Elder and a rock in her family and community.

# lim̄tm̄ntm̄ gratitude

*lim̄tm̄ntm̄ i? p isnəqsílxʷ, ińčapsíws, i? sləxlaxtət,  
i? tmixʷúla?xʷ, i? siwłkʷ, i? tmixʷ,  
to all my relations, my sisters, my friends,  
the land, the water, the animals*

*lim̄tm̄ntm̄ i? ɬxəxɬaptət  
to our Elders for sharing their stories and teachings,  
the knowledge keepers, mentors, and teachers  
who paved the way,*

*lim̄tm̄ i? Enowkin Centre for introducing me  
to my first beginner language and culture classes,*

*lim̄tm̄ntm̄ Salish School of Spokane/Paul Creek  
for inspiring and training a generation of speakers,*

*to my past, current and future students  
and our shared hope and prayers for this precious language,*

*to the learners and families  
who are raising the first babies in the language in sixty years,  
strong in cultural and landbased knowledge,*

*we are indebted to (twi?) Sɬam̄tíča? Sarah Peterson  
who had the courage to and the vision to begin  
and was a mother grizzly to us all*

*kʷ i? s̄xmiňktət  
we love you*

# pqlqiñ na?l mlnups (čaptíkwl)

Narrated by Qi̱yiw̓sálxqñ Herman Edward

March 10, 2020, Keremeos, B.C.

Recorded and Transcribed by Q̓yqʷayáxñ Levi Bent

9 min. 15 sec.

ixí? a? kʷa? mlnups na?l pqlqiñ ixí? ɬa? č?kʷum̄st̄m i? xʷa?xʷá?la?. \* ixí? axá? lut ɬa? ?unixʷ a? čpuxʷst̄n. i? plastic mat, uł ixí? iskʷułs axá?, ɬi málxa?s s̄kʷuł. uł lut ɬa? ?uníxʷ. lut axá? ɬa? ?uníxʷ t a? npúxʷɬca?t̄n. axá? q̄sápi uł siws mlnups na?l pqlqiñ l a? č̄al i?l ya?číns i? siw̄lkʷ. lut ɬa? čm̄ystiñ ɬe ks̄tikʷts km̄ ɬe ksa?titkʷs naxm̄l kʷlwčnitkʷəlx. (0:56)

ixí? uł č̄ačs i? slažts. ɬačs i? slažts uł čus, “tałt ɬi kʷ səxʷč̄asčín. inčá? kn̄ ɬa? čpičm. txʷt̄epmiñ i? stim̄ uł kʷiñ i? xʷatxʷət km̄ i? xʷa?xʷa?yúł, s̄as̄ás. uł ixí? a? čiłst̄n km̄ sp̄oplína?. anwí? ɬi kmač a? č kʷ sč̄asčín. səččiň ɬi as̄áčəč xʷúmti? kʷ čqltálča? nýɬaýp. qʷńqʷaňt uł asxʷuptwiňx. lut kʷ t̄ səxʷpičm̄. tałt ki kʷ səxʷčasčín. “a·? nýɬaýp qʷńčinm̄s, qʷńčinm̄s, qʷńčinms, qʷńčinm̄s. uł waý ks̄aw̄səs uł waý ɭika?t mi ɭklaxʷ i? xiyáłnxʷ. (1:59)

čuňtm̄, “ča?kʷ kʷu qʷəqʷułaxnm̄ waý ča?kʷ ɬi ɬewiňtsñ waý ɬi xʷupňtsñ. ixí? ɬi ɬaýmt mat pqlqiñ. lúti? ɬe ?um̄səlx, ɬe, lúti? spqlqiňs pničí? aļi lut ɬa? čm̄ystiñ čkiň i? s̄aččečsəlx. luti ɬe qʷaqʷa?aylx.. ixí? uł ɬačs i? slažts uł čus, “waý ɭlap mi kʷu qʷəqʷułaxnm̄.” čuňtm̄, “kʷa? sčkiňx lut ɬapna??” čuňtm̄, “waý, čuňtsñ ɭlap i? kʷ čxʷərapəp, ɭlap ɭkʷəkʷɬast.” uļ tałt t̄ ɬi čúyla?xʷ uł waý kičňtm̄ uł čus, “ilí? ɬe ɭlap.” člał, čuňtm̄, “hahuy!” čuňtm̄, “lut. ɭʷɭap i? xiyáłnxʷ mi kʷu qʷəqʷułaxnm̄.” (2:54)

čmay čňw?is, ixí? uł waý ńw?is i? xiyáłnxʷ. čuňtm̄, “hahúy!” siw̄nt̄m̄ t mlnups, “ka?kín mi kʷu qʷəqʷułaxnm̄? ha?kín t mkʷiwt̄ mat xłkmiňtm̄?” čuňtm̄, “lut, lut t mkʷiwt̄. lut alá?, i? ɭl st̄kmasqt,” ɬačm̄ ɭl st̄kmasqt čuňtm̄, “xkinm̄ a? čm̄ystim̄ ka?kín mi kʷu... i? kłqyúla?xʷtñ? uł tałt ɭl i? ɭl st̄kmasqt lut a? kłqyúla?xʷtñ.” (3:45)

čuňtm̄, “ixí? a? čp?axʷ, swit i? ksč?ažlmčúta?x ixí? ks?ałpmíxa?x.” ixí? i?

stx<sup>w</sup>tilx<sup>w</sup>səlx. tałt ti čx?x?it mɬqnups uł yinwlx uł yinwlx uł yinwlxəlx  
ńwa?w?ásəlx. uł nýńáyp x<sup>w</sup>uyýəlx i? kl st̄masqt. i? ktiłmsəlx a? čkl xiyálnx<sup>w</sup>  
x<sup>w</sup>uyýəlx uł x<sup>w</sup>uyýəlx. uł tałt waý i? sč?ixs uł waý nwa?w?ásəlx. waý mat  
ksx̄ntisəlx i? sktm̄tam̄t. (4:39)

uł waý ńt̄k<sup>w</sup>pílsəlx. uł ałi waý k<sup>w</sup>a? i? łex<sup>w</sup>ńcut̄səlx waý čxił tix<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup>lm̄. ?ańwísəlx  
i? tl sk<sup>w</sup>?alt ałi? lut ta? čləx<sup>w</sup>nčutəlx, naxm̄ nýńáyp tx<sup>w</sup>tilxəlx. uł tałt i? sňw?asts  
mɬqnups. ilí? uł mat wəlwlap. ałi? i? sqiltks tałt wlap uł tałt ti p̄um. uł i? sqiltks tałt  
i? swlaps. ti wam̄ uł lut t qłnusəlx ixí? nix<sup>w</sup> łe ksx<sup>w</sup>uys. ?aњlm̄ńčut uł cyax<sup>w</sup>t. uł i?  
syupsts q<sup>w</sup>lpups uł tałt i? syups tałt ti pi·q. i? yx<sup>w</sup>mńčut tałt x<sup>w</sup>úmti? i? syx<sup>w</sup>tmix uł  
i? syax<sup>w</sup>t ta? čkl tm̄x<sup>w</sup>úla?x<sup>w</sup>. (5:39)

i? syupsts čikək, uł yax<sup>w</sup>t. i? uł mat kíka?t sňknx<sup>w</sup>úla?x<sup>w</sup>s uł łaawt i? syupsts uł. uł  
ixí? čutəlx ixí? i? sňłwqins i? syupsts ti ńq<sup>w</sup>?ayqń. ixí? uł mɬqnups\*\* a? kəkalí  
aњlm̄ńčut. uł čyx<sup>w</sup>mńčut lut nix<sup>w</sup> čikək i? uł kćakəkyaqń. uł ixí. uł nix<sup>w</sup> aњlm̄ńčut uł  
čikək i? syupsts. ixí? nix<sup>w</sup> łaawt. łaawt i? swx<sup>w</sup>aps. ń?amútət kl sčkł?am̄s mɬqnups.  
(6:40)

lúti łe q<sup>w</sup>əq<sup>w</sup>úłaxnməlx uł čus i? slaxts, “łe łaaxpńtsń, lut nix<sup>w</sup> k<sup>w</sup>u? aksq<sup>w</sup>nčínmn̄. lut nix<sup>w</sup> k<sup>w</sup>u? ńq<sup>w</sup>nčinm̄ kl a? čiłstń, kl isčx<sup>w</sup>lx<sup>w</sup>ált. łaaxpńtsń uł ilí a? čiwt nix<sup>w</sup> k<sup>w</sup>u? łe aksnq<sup>w</sup>nčinmn̄.” łe nunx<sup>w</sup>ína?əlx sič i? tx<sup>w</sup>tilx ixí? ńačńt łe ?amútət. ńačəs i?  
slaxts lut ta? čiństm̄, ałi waý aláp. uł i? tmix<sup>w</sup> k<sup>w</sup>a? x<sup>w</sup>?it ilí a? čya?yá?xa?. ixí? tałt  
i? ya?yá?xa?ńtm̄ i? t lut t maý t i? t tmix<sup>w</sup>. ałi k<sup>w</sup>a ilí nix<sup>w</sup> ńxəxi?əlx. uł wiksəlx a?  
čq<sup>w</sup>əq<sup>w</sup>úłaxnm̄. (7:31)

ixí? uł am̄, łe k<sup>w</sup>ilxəlx ilí ła? čsamńčútəlx. ixí? ła? čiwt ła? čnq<sup>w</sup>ńčinm̄s, uł waý  
ńapná?. waý čk<sup>w</sup>liwt k siwstsəlx uł lut t kn̄ t scutx nińap ?iłsəlx a? słx<sup>w</sup>łax<sup>w</sup> t pqlqiń.  
uł ixí? k<sup>w</sup>ul t pqlqin. ixí? ki ta?x<sup>w</sup> sk<sup>w</sup>ist t pqlqin. uł mɬqnups ?um̄m̄ t mɬqnups. uł  
lut t mýmayt sčkinx ki ?um̄səlx mɬqnups. uł axá pqlqin naxm̄ i? lut t sux<sup>w</sup>ńtx<sup>w</sup>əlx  
uł ?asilməlx mɬqnups ixí? i? sk<sup>w</sup>istsəlx. aksq<sup>w</sup>lq<sup>w</sup>iltm̄məlx i? skəkaka?səlx. uł  
asilməlx mɬqnups. naxm̄, łe wikntx<sup>w</sup>əlx łe sux<sup>w</sup>ńtx<sup>w</sup> hakín i? t asíl. axá i? t pqlqin  
uł ti čxił ha? i? spíqyaqńs uł i? syupsts. (8:39)

uł lut ta čmýstiń čkiń i? sńačəcsəlx. lúti t q<sup>w</sup>əq<sup>w</sup>ułaxnməlx. mat i? tl swx<sup>w</sup>apsəlx tl  
sčwaksəlx. tl mat tl sčikəksəlx ki pńapńaylx. lut ta čmýstiń łe kspiqsəlx t skəkaka

km̄ sčkiňx. naňm̄l la čsamňčutəlx i? stixʷləm i? sňačečsəlx. ixí? uł řapná? wikntxʷ uł. ixí? uł ḥpqlqiň uł ḥmlqnups.\*\*\* (9:15)

### Vocabulary:

č?kʷumštm̄ i? xʷa?xʷá?la?	?
siws	?
səxʷčasčin̄	scavenger
txʷtəpmiň	lunge at, take down
čqltálča?	sickly looking
kłqýúla?xʷtň	landmarks
yiňwļx	flying in a circular pattern to gain altitude
ňtkʷpilsəlx	hard to breathe, shortness of breath due to high altitude
qʷlpups	burned tail

### Notes:

*This is a čaptikʷl about how bald eagle and golden eagle got their distinguishable marks.*

\*(imitation eagle whistle sound)

\*\*at 6.31 Herman said mlqnups but the transcriber thinks he meant pqlqiň.

*Asking Herman to clarify this part of the story would be beneficial.*

\*\*\*(imitation eagle whistle sound)

*Audio edited to reduce the noise of the whistles, and increase the audio of Herman's speech which for some reason was quite quiet in the original recording provided. Audio edited mkj. There were found to be some silent pauses rather than room noise.*

*Recorded and edited for Elders VII. To be published later as Herman requested that čaptikʷl stories be published during the winter to observe protocols.*

# sn̄klip naʔɬ mɬqnups uɬ q̄ilt (čaptíkʷɬ)

Narrated by Qʷəlmnālq̄s Theresa Ann Terbasket

March 12, 2020, Cawston, B.C.

Recorded by Qʷyqʷayáx̄n Levi Bent

7 min. 24 sec.

wáȳ x̄ast s̄xl̄x̄al̄t. ixí? iksmayám̄, sn̄klip naʔɬ mɬqnups. uɬ ixí? q̄sápi? ilí? s̄ečxʷīlw̄s sn̄klip. uɬ əl̄čxʷu·ȳ uɬ i? k̄l s̄n̄mlq̄itkʷ. uɬ s̄ečxʷuýx. ilí? čxʷuy uɬ k̄lnixlm̄s, “woosh! i? xʷuxʷ ɬa?ɬús̄m̄s. ɬlap uɬ i? ɬa?ɬús̄m̄s uɬ lut t̄ wīks. i? uɬ k̄lnixlm̄s, “woosh! uɬ xʷīwm̄ i? mɬqnups. ya?yá?xa?s, wīks ixí? ya?yáxa?s. i? xʷuxʷ īklí? i? smuts. uɬ ixí? ya?yáxa?s uɬ ɬst̄īls, “ixí? inčá kn̄ ɬə k̄lcaw̄t, ixí? inčá kn̄ ɬə k̄lcaw̄t. ixí? kʷu? ɬčəw̄čw̄ikm̄s.” (0:57)

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## Vocabulary:

s̄n̄mlq̄itkʷ Similkameen River

## Notes:

*In this recording Theresa tells the čaptikʷɬ about coyote and mlqnups.*

*After she finishes the story she talks about the relationship with native people and diseases.*

*Was recorded and edited for Elders VII. To be published in winter.*

**wáȳ ixí?**

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