

'apun spe'uth – “Ten bears”

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with music by Thomas Jones

nuts'a' yuse'lu lhihw **spe'uth**
xu'athun lhq'etsus t'xum spe'uth
tth'a'kwus te'tsus toohw spe'uth
'apun spe'uth 'i **xixunum'**.

*One, two, three bears,
Four, five, six bears,
Seven, eight, nine bears,
Ten bears are growling.*

nuts'a' yuse'lu lhihw **stqeeye'**
xu'athun lhq'etsus t'xum stqeeye'
tth'a'kwus te'tsus toohw stqeeye'
'apun stqeeye' 'i **q'e'wum'**.

*One, two, three wolves,
Four, five, six wolves,
Seven, eight, nine wolves,
Ten wolves are howling.*

nuts'a' yuse'lu lhihw **stiqiw**
xu'athun lhq'etsus t'xum stiqiw
tth'a'kwus te'tsus toohw stiqiw
'apun stiqiw 'i **xwan'chunum'**.

*One, two, three horses,
Four, five, six horses,
Seven, eight, nine horses,
Ten horses are running.*

nuts'a' yuse'lu lhihw **sql'ew'**
xu'athun lhq'etsus t'xum sql'ew'
tth'a'kwus te'tsus toohw sql'ew'
'apun sql'ew' 'i **xet'ukw'um'**.

*One, two, three beavers,
Four, five, six beavers,
Seven, eight, nine beavers,
Ten beavers are gnawing.*

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