Star Song

*Sung by Mary Kate Underwood to Andrew Cowell*

In the old times, the day was considered to begin with the appearance of the Morning Star, and it was the custom to wake up at this time. Prayers would be said while facing east towards this star, and songs could be sung as well. The following is a song recorded from Mary Kate Underwood. She stated that the song could be sung on other occasions as well, such as during sweat lodges. Mike Redman’s father also knew this song, and sang it for Mike. His father said that the song was originally acquired by Sherman Sage on a vision quest, and that it was later used by the Star Age Grade Society. His father specifically stated that it was used to address the Morning Star upon rising in the morning.

Ho3o’uusoo heenitoot
Neneenit hen’i’iiyoo3oo’
Neneenit hen’i’iiyoo3oo’.
Neneenit hen’i’iiyoo3oo’.

The Star Child/Morning Star is present above.
Thanks to him the tribe is clean and pure.

Ho3o’uusoo heenitoo-t.
Star child present-he

Neneenit hen’-iiyoo3oo-’.
He is the one by this means-clean/pure-it.