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(Yareba)

Kimai, Bare Councilman, June 1963, by Badara.

1. daena ini aruma dimara an-isi-te boro rarogonu

brother and sister hunt went they and pig three  
A brother and sister went hunting and shot three pigs.

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2. yana-si-te ogo nio-ro o-i-si-te ija-si-te daena-ma

shot-they-and water bank-on put-they-and singed-they-and her bro.-empM  
They put them on the bank of the river and singed them.

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3. boro bira-i-te desini to-a we-i-ba to-r-ebi-ro

pig cut-he-and stomach dip-you said-he-so dipping-she-did-and  
The brother said, cut them and take out the entrails. And so she was

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4. wirol tai-ma buri-a-r-i-te t-a-r-e u-r-i-ba da-nu imu-i-na

a tree seed-EM broke-it-and down-coming hit-it-so her thought-is  
taking out the entrails when the seed of a tree broke and came down and

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5. da-nu daena-ma u-r-i-nu-a we-i-te iya-r-i-te an-e

her brother-EM hit-he said-she-and afraid-she-and going  
hit her; so she thought my brother hit me. She was afraid and going

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6. danua ini danama-bai we-i-ro amara fa-r-i-ro

her mother and her father-to said-she boy arrived-he-and  
to her mother and father she told them. The boy came and because

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7. danua ini danama we-i-ta-ba amara ibo u-i-te

his mother and his father said-they-because boy angry did-he-and  
his father and mother talked to him the boy became cross and from

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8. i-do-roma a-r-ebi-ro danua ini aruma yowe-r-e a-r-ebi-si-na

here-from coming-he his mother and girl chased coming-they-when  
this place he went. His mother and sister followed.

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9. agewa ma-i-te ewe-do-roma owe-a-we-te ani-a-we

arm beads gave-he-and this-place-from turn-you-and go-you  
He gave them his arm bracelet and told them to go back!

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10. we-i-te an-ebi-na nono yowe-r-e an-ebi-si-na a-r-e

said-he going-he-was-when again chasing going-they-were-when coming  
He went on, but again they followed him up to the half-way place.

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11. abana-ro ometou ma-i-te ewe-do-roma owe-a-we we-i-te

middle ear plugs gave-he-and this-place-from turn-you said-he-and  
He gave them his ear plugs and told them to turn back!

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12. a-r-e bomu tutu-ro yau-r-i-te imoi-fi-te an-ibi-e

coming a mt. top-place sat-he-and rest-want-he-and go-want-he  
Then coming to the top of Bomu he sat and wanted to rest and wanted to go

13. u-tebi-na danua ini aruma i-do fa-si-ba yoate

doing-he-was-when his mother and sister then arrived-they-so bag  
when his mother and sister came again, and so he gave his bag and

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14. ma-teda ewe-do-roma owe-a-we-te ani-a-we we-i-te

giving-while this-place-from turn-you-and go-you said-he-and  
told them to go back!

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15. sabeal oto-ro fa-r-i-na danua ini aruma i-do

a mt. top-place arrived-he-when his-mother and sister then  
Then coming to the top of Sabeal his mother and sister also came.

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16. fa-si-ba i amara-ma we-i sina i-do we-ne rai-ro

arrived-they-so the boy-EM said-he talk now said-I enough  
And so the boy said, I have already talked to you enough why do

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17. ene-ba yowe-r-e a-r-ed-a waita we-i-te nini-ro

why chasing coming (expression) said-he-and steep-place  
you come after me and keep talking. And so going down a steep gorge

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18. ta-r-e kafuru-ro fa-r-i-te etar-afu boroboro maidani

going-down gorge-place arrived-he-and other-side a mt. name mt.  
he came to the other side. Then going up BoroBoro to the top.

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19. m-an-i-te/m-an-e oto-ro fa-r-i-na danua sabeal oto-ro

went-up-he-and going-up top-place arrived-he-when his mother mt. top-place  
His mother came to the top of Sabeal.

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20. fa-r-i-na aruma t-a-r-e kawa-ro fa-r-i-na daena boroboro

arrived-she girl coming-down ditch-place arrived-she-when her bro mt.  
The girl came down the gorge. The brother on top of BoroBoro jumped

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21. oto-roma bibu ur-i-te t-aran-i-ro aruma maru

top-place from jump did-she-and going-down-went-he-and girl sad  
and going down he went. The girl was sad and sat in the gorge.

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22. u-i-te kawa-ro yau-r-i-na danua maru u-i-te sabeal

did-she-and ditch-pl sat-she-when her mother sad did-she-and a mt.  
The mother was sad and sat on top of Sabeal.

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23. oto-ro yau-r-i etar-afu an-i-ba boroboro i-ba dara dara

top-place sat-she other-side went-he-so BoroBoro that's-why shaking  
He went to the other side of BoroBoro. That's why it goes shaking

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24. u-t-a-su ew-afu-na danua abana-na ogo aruma-na

doing-it-is this-side-is his mother middle-is water girl-is  
His mother on the this side, in the middle the water running between

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25. dawa wowona-ro fa-r-e an-a-su.

her/she beneath-place arriving going-it-is.  
the girls legs and going on down.

(Yareba)

Misorì, August 6, 1963

1. Safia-ro~~ma~~ Ubo-ro an-e ai-si waur-1-ro wiki

(Safia Ubo going we slept morning week

From Safia we went to Ubo where we slept till morning. We stayed

2. danoral /bi-si /b-ebe man-isi mafa-ro /an-1-si-te

(one stope we did staying go up we did Mafa go up we did one week, and then went to Mafa. We stayed until our food was

3. ah-ebe leta ido mesih-1-ro moana uwara leta-ba

(sleeping food then finished some people food finished. Then some of the people went to get food.

4. tara-ta Ubo-ro eme fal /an-ia-we we-iro ai-si-te

(went down they Ubo men five go up you all said he sleep they He said five men go up. We slept till morning then we went up. did

5. waur-1-ro /an-1-si /an-eda daba-ro abani-ma boro

(morning went up we going up road Abani pig And while going up on the road Abani shot a pig. We cut some of

6. ur-1-ro bira-si-te moana ido o-1-si ya moana

(shot he cut we some then put we we some it here and some we carried up to the middle where we slept till

7. wou-si-te /an-1-si /an-e abana-ro ai-si-te waur-1-ro

(carry we did went up we going up middle sleep we did morning morning.

8. iririni wabo-ro /an-e-fa-si-te farai o-1-si-te

(Irirì Wabo going up came we (Motu-tent) put we did

Then going up we came to the Irirì and Wabo rivers where we pitched

9. yau-bi-si-ro taubada /ur-1-ro ido ai-si-te waur-1-ro

(sat doing we master arrived he then slept we morning a tent and sat there. The Patrol Officer came and we slept till

10. /an-1-si /an-e abana-ro iwu-ma arama u-si-ba moana

(went up we going middle cold weary we were some morning. Then going up to the middle the cold made us tired and so

11. ido yau-bi-si taubada ido /an-1-ro ya-na ti

(then sat doing we master then went up he we tea some of us sat down. The P.O. went up and we boiled some tea.

12. pu-si-te kobe-ini gure ido /an-ita taubada-nu

(cooked we Kobe-with Gure then went up they master-his Kobei and Gure following the P.O. came up.

13. buribi /an-ita-te /an-e fa-ta-ro i-uwara-de we-i-na

(followed went up they going up came they people said he Where are the men he said. Is it because of the cold they are sitting

14. iwu-ma arama u-si-nu-ba yau-bin-ita we-i we-ita-ro

(cold weary was it sitting were they said he said they he said. They said to him alright we will go up.

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15.enoya ya-na /an-i-be we-i-ro /do men-i-ta-te abana-ro

(all right we we will go up said he then went up they middle  
He said, they went up half way and slept until morning. Then they

16.ai-ta-te wai-i-ro man-i-ta-te bunéi otoo man-ef-a-ta-te

(slept they morning went up they Bune on top going up came they  
went up to the top of Mt. Suckling. Coming they saw where the army

17.ame uwa-a aih-ebi-ta-ro far-e e-ta-te taubada /bi-mau

(army people sleep had been they coming saw they master stope I will  
men had slept. The P.O. said to them, I will stop. You young men

18.we-i-ro masigu-na ya tani-bota we-i-ro masigu

(said he young men you all go down will said he young men  
will go back down he said. The young men turned and going down half-way

19.owe-ta-te /ar-e abana-ro /ar-e ai-ta-te wai-i-ro

(turned they going down middle going down slept they morning  
they slept until morning. Then they came to Mafo where they slept.

20.mafo-ro fa-ta-ro aih-ebe ieta mesih-i-ba tani-ba/si

(Mafo arrived they sleeping food finished go down we will  
until their food was finished and so they said we will go down. Now

21.we-i-ta-ro /do tara-si-te ubo-ro fa-si-te ego owe-r-c

(said they then went down we Ubo arrived we cargo turning  
we went down to Ubo. we came turned around and carried cargo back

22.man-e wou-si-te /ar-ai-si-na erikofuta /do an-e

(going up carried we coming down slept we helicopter then going  
down and we slept. And since the helicopter came we put the things

23.far-i-ba ibalabal /do o-yi-ro muh-i-te ar-i waidumu

(arrived it things then put we took he came he tomorrow  
here and he took it and went. I will go tomorrow he said and he went.

24.a-mau-ba-ro we-i-te ar-i-ro ai-si-te wai-i-r6 ya

(come I will said he came he slept we morning we  
We slept until morning. We carried and became tired and since the

25.wou-tebe osi u-si-te kowa far-i-ba oko-isi-te ai-si-te

(carrying hungry were we sun arrived it left we slept we  
sun had come up we left it and slept. Then we came to Safia. Our

26.safia-ro fa-si-te ya-nu oi mu-si-te /do oko-yi-te

(Safia arrived we our money took we then left we  
money we took and left here. and our work was finished. We all went

27./do bagaru u-si ya-nu su-ro an-i-bi-a-we-ro na-na

(then for good did we our house going you all will I  
to our houses. We all went. I would like to go up and see. Then

28.ani-mahe u-teda we-ma-na /do fa-fa-ro e-ma-te

(to go I want doing say I will then coming see I will  
I would like to come down and see he said to us. We heard and then

29.ani-mahe we-i-ro nau-si-te /do an-yi /do ar-e

we went. Now I have come and am sleeping. Since I am sleeping the  
(to go I want said he heard we then went we then coming

30.aih-a-tane aih-a-ta-ba taubada-na we-i-bi-ro ai-ma-te an-e e-ma-ro  
P. O. has said I will go and going I will see. He went.

Badara, August 27, 1963

1. dadae amara warai da-nu waiya jiru tu-fi-e

(first man old his garden clean cut he wanted to  
The first man wanted to go to his garden and clean it.

2. an-i-te jiru ~~tur~~-ebe ~~tur~~-ebe ~~tar~~-e ogo-ro ~~tar~~-eda

went he clean cutting cutting going down water washing--  
He went and cleaned and cleaned and then went down to the water.

3. soro we-bi-na mabara oi-ro~~ma~~, ~~tar~~-e soro we-bi

(soro saying he was bush wallaby bush going down soro saying he  
As he bathed he said soro. The wallaby came from the bush and went

4. dadae amara da-nu wari ~~muh~~-i-te yana-fi-e

(first man his spear took he wanted to spear )  
down to bathe and said soro. The first man took his spear and coming

5. ~~tar~~-e an-i-na mabara an-i-ba okod-i-te an-i-te

going down went he bush wallaby went he left he went he  
down he wanted to shoot him. And because the wallaby went, he went and

6. we-i fokia mu-a-we-te an-e u-a-we-ro- na jiru

(said he net take you (pl) going do it you all I clean  
said you all take your nets and go. I will act like I'm cleaning and

7. ~~tur~~-e gagau u-ma-te soro we-ma-ro mabara soro

(cutting trick do will I soro say will I bush wall. soro  
then say soro. The wallaby will say soro. I will want to shoot him.

8. we-bi/su-na ya-na ~~man~~-e ani-ma-ro iya ani-bi/su-na

(say will be we going up go will I afraid go will be  
I will go toward him. Being afraid, he will go, then you catch him

9. yaba-we we-i-te an-i-te soro we-i-na mabara

(catch you all said he went he soro said he bush wallaby  
he said. He went and said, soro. Then the wallaby came down and said

10. ~~tar~~-e soro we-i-ro yana-fi-e ~~tar~~-e-an-i-ro

(going down soro said he spear he wanted going down he went  
soro. Coming down he wanted to shoot him. He was afraid so he went

11. iya an-i-na fokia-ro ~~muh~~-i-ro u-fi-e ~~far~~-i-na aaa

(afraid went he net took he do wanted he arrived he aaa  
and the net took him. When he came he said, ah, I would like to give

12. wowosa-ma dodo urama ib-i-mu~~a~~ da u-a-wa-te me

(arm bracelets large wh. shells stop it don't you two do no  
bracelets and shells, if you won't take me, but go. But she carried him

13. wou-a-te ~~an~~i~~a~~ we-i-ba me wou~~r~~-i-te an-i-ro da-nu

(carry you go you said he no carried he went he his  
to her grandmother who singed his hair. The grandchild said, grandmother

14. danata-ma i~~ja~~-ebi-ro danata-ma ata

(his grandmother singe was doing he his grandmother grandmother  
will eat the head, and I will eat the foot. She was saying. I will

15. kofiri i-fi-ro~~na~~, sof~~u~~ i-ma~~i~~ we-bi-na anata

(head eat he will leg eat I will saying he was your grmth  
kill your grandmother and you he was saying, like this and like this

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16. u-ma-te a u-ma we-bi eno-ma eno-ma we-be

(chop I will you chop I will said he like this like this saying  
he was talking. Taking him she put the wallaby aside. The wallaby

17. muh-e eta od-i-ro klu-ba-ro an-i-ro toroma-ro

(taking aside put he jumped up went he tail  
jumped up to go and pulled his tail away and he went. That's why

18. muh-i-na ma-kusu u-i-ro an-i i-ba toroma ina.

(took he jerking did he went he that's why tail white  
his tail is white.

Sefo, April 28, 1964

1. daia-ini sawosawo-ini medur-ini marona-ini kuku

( a name-and a name-and a name-and a name-and tobacco  
Daia, Sawosawo, Meduri and Marona were smoking (one cigarette) at

2. i-tedi-ba-ita-ro ewa su-ro-ma ofada-ro

(eating repeatedly this morning they were this house porch  
the porch of the house and you are coming, they said. Meduri, said, \*

3. far-i-nu-ro we-ita meduri-ma we-nu eri i-do

(arrived you they said a name said she Harry now  
Harry is now coming, put the tobacco away. They all continued to say

4. far-i-nu kuku kod-i-sa-we we-ita we-ita-te

(arrived he tobacco leave it you all said they "  
this and Meduri put the tobacco away and it fell under the house.

5. we-di-ba-ita-ro meduri kuku kod-i-nu-te i-do

(saying they were repeatedly a name tobacco left she now  
Duniba and I, we two said; Harry, Sawosawo, Daia, Meduri, and Marona

6. ita-r-i-nu tutuba-ro duniba-ini wa-na we-i-tu

(went down ground under house a name-and we two said we two  
are smoking. Because we (two) said this, Sawosawo said, why are you

7. eri sawosawo-ini daia-ini medur-ini marona-ini kuku

(Harry a name -and a name-and a name-and a name-and tobacco  
telling, he said, and Duniba and we two he wanted to hit, he pretended

8. i-ta-ita we-i-tu-ba sawosawo-ma we-nu an-ba wa-ita

(eating were they said we two a name said he why talking they  
to hit us and we two went.

we-nu-te duniba-ini wa u-fi-e yatur-i-nu-ro an-i-tu

(said he a name-and we two do he wanted frightened he went we 2

(Yareba)

A Wallaby Hunt that took place in the village in the morning and was told in the afternoon; Je, March 3, 1964

1. a-na na-ba w/a yareba sina-ro~~ma~~, waurawarai warai-ba

(you me to say Yareba talk morning wallaby about)  
Tell me the story of this morning's wallaby hunt. Gurube was leaving

2. u-~~tedi~~/be-ita sina w/a Gurube ~~ido~~ an-e di-ba-inu-ro

(doing they were talk say Gurube now going he was stopping)  
and while putting on medicine we saw a big wallaby stopping. It went

3. ira od-ebe ~~er~~-ita-na dera warai-na bana it~~er~~-inu-te

(medicine putting on saw they big wallaby stopping went down he)  
down and was coming toward us and he saw it and said sic to his dog.

4. ~~far~~-e ~~er~~-e d-i-ba-inu ira od-ebe etua-ro ~~er~~-ita-na

(coming arriving he stopped medicine putting up there saw they)  
The dog went. Before the wallaby had come up into the kunai and the

5. ~~ido~~ ~~far~~-e ~~er~~-e d-i-ba-inu-ba Gurube ido kua

(now coming arriving he stopped Gurube now dog)  
dog followed, encircled him, chased him, and barked. They (people)

6. ususi we-nu-te ~~ma~~-inu-ro warai bode ~~far~~-e

sic said he went up he wallaby before coming)  
heard the dog and wallaby coming together and took their spears and went

7. koe-ro amu-~~er~~-inu-na kua ~~far~~-e buribi amu-~~er~~-inu-te

(kunai to went up he dog coming followed went up he)  
on the beach and on the river edge they went up. The wallaby went down

8. four-inu-te yow~~er~~-e in~~er~~-eda kaukau w-a-inu-ro

(closed in on it (he) chasing walking barking talking was he)  
on the beach and into the grass. The people came up and eat when again

9. u-~~te~~be nau-ita-te kua warai ~~ido~~ wo-in~~er~~-eda

(doing heard they dog wallaby then walking together)  
another wallaby was going and circling together and toward the houses

10. wei d-i-ba-inu-ro ewa uwara ~~ido~~ nau-ita-te wari

(said he stopping he was this people then heard they spear)  
they were coming. Fasi~~boro~~ threw his spear and missed and as he (p. 2)

11. ~~mun~~-i~~er~~-ta-te moana magua-ro ~~man~~-ita~~na~~ moana due-ro

(taking they some beach went up they some edge of beach)

12. ~~man~~-ita ~~man~~-ita-ro i-warai magua-ro it~~er~~-inu it~~er~~-inu-te

(went up they " the wallaby beach went down he " )

13. koe-ro a-inu a-inu-ro amo yau-ba-ita-na nono mul

(grass to he went " going up sitting they were again another

14. warai ~~ido~~ an-e four-ita-te wo-in~~er~~-ebe ~~ido~~ su-ro

(wallaby there going closed in on together then house to)  
they arrived they



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15. wo-fa-~~ita~~-ro fasiboro-ma ouwo-~~inu~~-ro fa-~~inu~~-ro

(together arrived they a name missed he arrived he )  
(wallaby) came Dorobe then threw her spear and missed and the

16. dorobe-ma ouwo-inu tutuba abana-~~ro~~ amu-~~inu~~-te

(a name missed she posts under house middle went up he)  
wallaby went between the house posts and came and Fasiboro speared

17. fa-a-~~inu~~-ro fasiboro-ma yana-~~inu~~ yana-~~inu~~-ro

(arriving went he a name speared he " )  
(and hit) it and it jumped into the water and went down. Wau

18. bibu-~~inu~~-te ogo-ro ita-~~inu~~ wau-ma deiro ita-~~inu~~

(jumped he water down he a name on top down he )  
jumped on top of him and going downstream he caught him and broke his

19. ita-~~inu~~-te ido ter-e yaba-~~inu~~-te ~~inu~~-~~inu~~-te

(down he now going down caught he broke its neck he)  
neck. He carried him to Meduri and put it. She cut it in many dif-

20. ido woy-~~inu~~-te fa-e meduri-ba od-~~inu~~-ro bira-~~inu~~-te

(then carried he arriving a name put he cut she )  
ferent pieces and gave it and while eating they eat.

21. aika-~~maika~~ ma-~~inu~~-ro i-teda yau-bina-~~ita~~

(different gave she eating sitting )

22. na-nu sina ido mebi-~~inu~~.

My talk is finished.

(my talk now finished it is)

(Yareba)

Wallaby Hunt, Je and Kora, June 2, 1964, Told in Future Tense

1. waidumu okia ou-eta ogo tgr-e amo maregari

(tomorrow ~~up~~ pot to cook water dipping going up pouring  
Tomorrow we will fill the copper with water and Harry will put on

2. u-~~te~~-bu-ro eri ira od-ei-bi-ro yau-bi-fe-ro

(we will be doing Harry medicine putting-on-he-will-be sitting-we-will  
medicine and we will sit. Gurube and his wife will be going and Bibira

3. gurube-ini da-nu aweta an-ei-bi-si-ro Bibira-ma

(a name-with his wife going they will be a name  
will see and say--Gurube, a big wallaby will be going down, is coming

4. e-fi-te we-bi-su gurube warai nabana ido ita-fi-te

(see she will say she will a name wallaby big now down will he be  
and is going. She will say. Gurube will sic his dog and go up into the

5. far-e a/n-a-su we-bi-ro gurube-ma kua usiusi

(arriving lying he is say she will a name dog sic )  
grass when his dog will smell the wallaby and will follow up and will en-

6. we-bi-te man-i-bi-su far-e koe-ro amu-fi-su-na kua

(say will he going up will he arriving grass going up will he dog)  
circle it. These village people will take their spears and some will go

7. muno-ro far-e buribi amu-fi-te yatu-ei-bi-ro cwa

(smell arriving follow going up will he frighten will he this  
on the beach some will go through the grass and the dogs will encircle.

8. suwara wari mu-bita-te moana magua-ro

(village people spear taking will they some beach

9. man-i-bi-ta-ita moana uwal daba-ro ani-bi-ta-ro

(go up they will some force a road in grass go they will

10. kua-siri-ma inatu-fi-ta-ro yau-fi-ro kodi-fi-ta-te

(dogs encircle they will be sitting they will leave they will  
The wallaby will sit and they (people) will leave and go to their houses

11. su-ro an-e yau-bi-fi-ta-ro Je-ma isu san-ebe

(house to going sitting they will be a name stick throwing  
and sit. Je is continually throwing his stick until he will be tired

12. arama u-fi-te kodi-fi-ro kua-siri-ma pro an-e

(tired will be doing he leave will he dogs there going)  
and will leave it. The dogs are still going and closing in on the wal-

13. fou-fi-ta-ro fa-tani-bi-ro sosi-ma we-bi-su

(close behind they will be coming down he will a name say he will  
laby. Churchy (a boy) will say--the wallaby is here and going down.

14. warei ewado fan-a-su we-bi-ro suwara nesia

(wallaby this place is going down saying he will v. people all)  
All the village people will take their spears and go in the backyards

15.wari mu-bi-ta-te tefi-ro inal-bi-fi-ta-ro kua-siri-ma

(spear take they will backyard standing they will be dogs )  
and will stand. The dogs will frighten the wallaby and will come.

16.yatur-e fa-fi-ta-ro ouwod-ebe odi-fi-ta-ro

frightening arriving they will be missing put they will )

They will throw their spears and continually miss and the wallaby will

17.tutuba abana-ro amu-fi-te ~~far-e~~ ani-bi-ro na-na

(posts • middle go up they will arriving and going he will I  
go under and between the posts under the house and will go. I will

18.ouwodi-ma-ro bibu u-fi-ro Gurube yana-fi-ro wari

(missing I will jump do will he a name spear will he spear  
throw my spear and miss it and it will go and jump and Gurube will spear

19.bobo ita-fi-ro wau-ma deiro bibu u-fi-te mu-bi-te

(having go down will he a name on top jump will he do taking  
(and hit) and with the spear in him the wallaby will go down into the

20.u-~~te~~i-bi-ro t~~an~~-ei-bi-ro meduri-ma bibu u-fi-te

(doing and doing will he going down will he a name jump will she do)  
river. Wau will jump on top of him and will take him and go downstream.

21.wari risi-ro mu-bi-ro wau-ma toroma-ro mu-bi-te

(spear hold down on take will she a name tail take he will  
Meduri will jump in and push down on the spear and take it. Wau will

22.magua-ro odi-fi-te mimu u-fi-ro kuaboro

(beach put he will break neck do will he children

take his tail and pull him on the beach and break his neck. The

23.ita-fi-ta-te tobu u-e meduri-bai odi-fi-ta-ro

(go down will they carry on stick doing a name-to put they will  
children will go down and carry it to Meduri's and put it. She will

24.ija-fi-te bira-fi-te nata u-fi-ro ou-fi-ta-te

(singe it will she cut it will she share do she will cook they will  
singe and cut it up and then share it and they will cook and eat it.

i-fi-ta-ta

eat they will