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Comanche Children’s Poems

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Ma p̄h̄ Waat̄ Ku

Ma p̄h̄ waat̄ ku
Ū pui p̄ku ̄ puni?en
Tas̄wo n̄ nur̄kwaina maratukani?e
Lika sokobita taa ȳȳmukani?e
Nansuyaki ku nasuit̄ tas̄wo ̄ suan̄i

On the Prairie

On the prairie,
As far as the eyes can see.
Blackened by running buffalo,
The earth shakes and rocks,
Beautiful, strong, spirit of the buffalo.

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