

St'et'il te Temexw Xwela ye Sqweltel

The Land is Lonesome for the Language

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Dulcimer in B

SPOKEN: “We hold our language high
– Hikwstewx te sqweltel tset!”

VERSE 1

The land is lonesome for the language
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The ancestors are always listening
The land is lonesome for the language

Drums – 2 bars

CHANT

Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Oh-oh-oh
Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Oh-oh-oh
Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Oh-oh-oh
Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Oh-oh-oh

VERSE 2

St'et'il te temexw xwela ye sqweltel
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Xwelela ye xwel-xwo-lexw-yam
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Drums – 2 bars

REPEAT CHANT

BRIDGE

Listen to the language
Xwelelam te sqweltel

Learn the language
Toti:lt te sqweltel

Speak the language
Xwemlexwqel

Sing the language
T'ilem te sqweltel

Drums – 8 bars

REPEAT CHANT

Rattles – drums stop

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4 beats