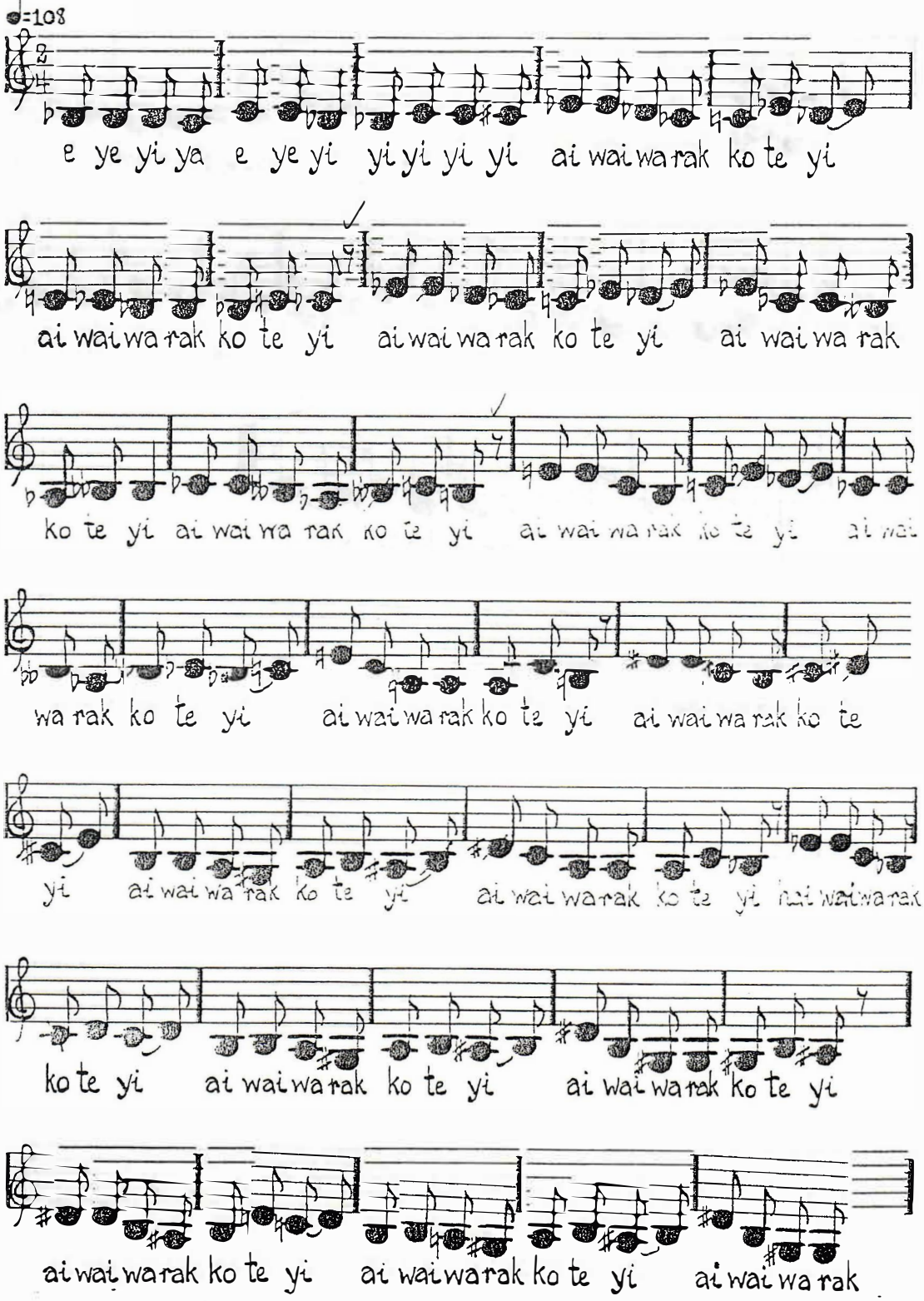
Acorn Gathering Charm

Wakainūṣitch's Song

Sung by Phoebe Maddox

Record 9d

♩=108



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vakaynússich mupákkurih

(Sung by Phoebe Maddux April, 1926.
Recorded, annotated and transcribed by Helen H. Roberts.)

This song was sung so that the gatherer might get more acorns than anyone else. Phoebe's mother showered her. It was known as the acorn worm's song or **vakaynússich**'s song.

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be lots of spill it around

Phoebe said, "We don't use that word now. It is an old story word, but it seems like it means "lots lying around." in the old times, when all the animals were people, the little white worm in the acorn , called **vakaynússich**, was also a person who loved acorns and this was her song when she gathered them.