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INTRODUCTION

This volume of phonology papers, treating languages of the Otomanguan group, includes materials from three of its major families: Mixtecan, Popotecan, and Zapotecan.

The Mixtecan family is represented by two quite diverse approaches to Mixtec languages and a contrastive analysis of two Trique dialects. Daly provides an innovative and detailed discussion of a Mixtec tone problem for Peñoles Mixtec which challenges the kind of traditional interpretation that has dominated much of Mixtec phonological analysis. North and Shields, in contrast, present a traditional description, combining an analysis of segmental and tone phonemes with a few morphophonemic observations. Hollenbach takes a different tack altogether in her topological comparison of two Trique dialects by first inquiring into the details of the two phonological systems and then speculating upon the kinds of adjustments the speaker of one must make to understand a speaker of the other.

The Popotecan family is here represented by descriptions of both a Popolocan and a Mazatecan language. Stark and Machin highlight the roles of stress and tone in their description of the phonological word and phrase in a northern Popolocan language, while Jamieson provides a description--divided into two papers because of its thoroughness and careful attention to phonetic detail--of Chiquihuitlan Mazatec segments and tone.

Finally, the Zapotecan family is represented by two papers. Larry and Rosemary Lyman bring the fruits of several years of research to bear upon a hierarchical study of Coapan Zapotec phonology, dealing with phoneme through sentence levels, including a discussion of an extensive system of tone sandhi; and Jones collaborates with consultant Knudson to give us a first look at Guelavfa Zapotec with a traditional analysis of segmental phonemes and tone, highlighting contrastive features and distribution.

Although two or three papers in this collection do address interesting theoretical questions or innovative approaches, the volume finds its major strength and usefulness in the presentation of a wide range of phonological facts which will stand us in good stead for many years to come as we seek a greater understanding of an important group of Meso-American languages.

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CHIQUIHUITLAN MAZATEC TONE

Allan R. Jamieson

1. Tones
2. Allophones
3. Distribution
4. Tone Sanchi
5. Relation to Grammatical Forms
6. Text

1. Tones

Chiquihuitlán Mazatec¹ has four tones: high /¹/, mid /²/, low-mid /³/, and low /⁴/. Contrast among the four tones is demonstrated in one-syllable words in isolation (1) and (2), in one-syllable words preceding a constant frame (3), in the final syllable of two-syllable words (4), and in the initial syllable of two-syllable words (5).

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|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | čha ¹ | <i>I talk</i> | |
| | čha ² | <i>difficult</i> | |
| | cha ³ | <i>his hand</i> | A287 ² |
| | čha ⁴ | <i>he talks</i> | A303 |
| (2) | tä ¹ | <i>he dances</i> | A569 |
| | tä ² | <i>wide</i> | A572 |
| | tä ³ | <i>ten</i> | A570 |
| | thä ⁴ | <i>seed</i> | A385 |
| (3) | ho ¹ siu ² | <i>there are two</i> | A128 |
| | ya ² siu ² | <i>there are trees</i> | A661 |
| | rki ³ siu ² | <i>there are medicines</i> | A415 |
| | cä ⁴ siu ² | <i>there are guayavas (fruit)</i> | A451 |
| (4) | ni ⁴ šy ¹ | <i>you (pl) will dry it</i> | |
| | ki ⁴ šy | <i>landslide</i> | A553 |
| | ku ⁴ šy ³ | <i>you (pl) will marry</i> | |
| | ki ⁴ šy ⁴ | <i>charcoal</i> | A209 |
| (5) | ci ¹ thä ¹ | <i>I cough</i> | |
| | chu ² ñi ¹ | <i>you (sg) lie down</i> | |

ci³tä¹ I will spin it
 ci⁴tä¹ he will spin it

A syllable may be realized with any one of the four tones or with a cluster of two or three tones. The tone clusters occurring in ChM are /_{14 24 34/}, /_{11 21 31 41/}, /_{114 214 314 414/}, and /_{42 424/}. The single tones and the tone clusters which begin with the same tone are contrasted in (6) to (9).

(6) Tone /_{1/} and clusters /_{14 11/}:³

?y_u¹ you (pl) drink
 ?y_i¹⁴ we (ex) drink
 ho¹ ?y_u¹¹ we (in) drink two A128

(7) Tone /_{2/} and clusters /_{24 21 214/}:

?y_u² we (in)/you (pl) grind
 ?y_i²⁴ we (ex) grind
 ?y_i²¹ you (sg) do not know/grind
 ?y_i²¹⁴ we (ex) do not know/grind

(8) Tone /_{3/} and clusters /_{34 31 314/}:

?y_u³ you (pl) know
 ?y_i³⁴ we (ex) know
 ?y_u³¹ we (in) drink
 č|h³¹⁴ we (ex) get dressed

(9) Tone /_{4/} and clusters /_{41 414 42 424/}:

čhə⁴ obo (fish)
 čhəi⁴¹ he will not speak
 čl⁴¹⁴ we (ex) will not see/buy/carry
 čh_y⁴² woman A86
 ču⁴c|h⁴²⁴ we (ex) will look

The tone clusters which end with the same tone are compared in (10) to (12).

(10) Tone clusters /_{14 24 34/}:

?y_i¹⁴ we (ex) drink ?y_i³⁴ we (ex) know
 ?y_i²⁴ we (ex) grind

(11) Tone clusters /¹¹ 2¹ 3¹ 4¹/:

- ho¹ ʔyū¹¹ we (in) drink two
 ʔyū²¹ you (pl) do not know
 ʔyū³¹ we (in) drink
 ʔyū⁴¹ we (in) do not drink

(12) Tone clusters /²¹⁴ 3¹⁴ 4¹⁴ 4²⁴/:

- č[h²¹⁴ we (ex) do not get dressed
 č[h³¹⁴ we (ex) get dressed
 č[h⁴¹⁴ we (ex) will get dressed
 ni⁴č[h⁴²⁴ we (ex) will rob (it)

2. Allophones

The four single tones are normally realized as level tones, while clusters of two tones are realized as a step from the level of the first to the level of the second when on different syllables, with or without a word break.

Tone /1/ is normally a high level tone. It is initiated with a slight upglide levelling to a high level when utterance initial on the first syllable of a two-syllable word with the tone sequence /1:1/, and is a raised high level tone when it precedes a tone /4/ on the same syllable. This may be expressed by rule (13). Examples are given in (14).

- (13) /1/ → $\begin{cases} [↑1] / \# _ : 1 \\ [1+] / _ 4 \\ [1] \end{cases}$

- (14) te¹ncy¹ [tē¹ndzū] goat A568
 šnu¹⁴ [šnū] squirrel A56
 thy¹ [tū] first A587, S15⁴

Tone /2/ is normally a level mid tone, but is realized as a slightly raised level mid tone when it precedes /³ 3⁴ 4/ on the same syllable, or an upgliding cluster beginning with /4/ (i.e., /⁴¹ 4² 4¹⁴ 4²⁺/).

- (15) /2/ → $\begin{cases} [2+] / _ 3(4), 4(T(4)) \\ [2] \end{cases}$

- (16) s₁²⁴ [s₁] we (ex) sing
 n₁t₁u² [n₁t₁u¹] cacao

Tone /3/ is normally a level low-mid pitch, but is realized as a slightly raised level low-mid tone when it precedes tone /4/ on the same syllable or an upglide beginning with tone /4/ (i.e., /₄₁ ₄₂ ₄₁₄ ₄₂₄/), and it may optionally be realized as a level raised mid tone when it occurs on a syllable interrupted by /ʔ h/ along with the cluster /₁₄/.

- (17) /3/ → { [3+] / ___ ₄(T(₄))
 ([2+] / ʔ, h ___ ₁₄)
 [3]

- (18) č₁ʔ³⁴ [č₁ʔ₁] we (ex) will buy
 č₁ʔ³¹⁴ [č₁ʔ₁] we (ex) buy
 č₁ʔ³ [č₁ʔ₁] flat

Tone /4/ is normally realized as a level low tone, but is a low falling tone when it is the only tone on a syllable which is utterance final, is realized as zero when it follows at least one other tone on the same syllable and precedes another syllable, and may optionally be realized as zero when it follows at least one other tone on the same syllable and is utterance final.

- (19) /4/ → { [4+] / ___ #
 ∅ / (T) T___:T(T)(T)
 (∅ / (T)T___#)
 [4]

- (20) t₁⁴ [t₁] fish A485
 rka¹⁴ča⁴ [Ṛkā tšā] he is blind A622
 rka¹⁴ [Ṛkā] blind A622
 nt₁⁴ya² [nd₁ya] road A392

The tone clusters are normally realized as glides between the levels that their constituent tones would have on single syllables. The cluster /₄₂/, however, has divergent realizations in two environments. It is a downglide beginning at [1+] and gliding down to [2-] with little or no upglide when it follows a syllable with the cluster /₁₄/, and is a downglide beginning at [2+] and gliding down to [2-] with little or no upglide when it follows a syllable with the cluster /₂₄/.

$$(21) \quad 4_2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} [1+2-] / 1_4 : \underline{\quad} (4) \\ [2+2-] / 2_4 : \underline{\quad} (4) \end{cases}$$

(22) nu¹⁴hə⁴² [n̄yAə̄] we (in) say S10
 kue¹⁴cə⁴² ni²⁴ʔñā⁴². [k̄Ēˆts̄ēˆn̄t̄ʔñl̄ə̄ˆ] we (in) will begin
 S37

There is a tendency for a sequence of tones to drift downward in pitch. This affects the phonetics of tone in at least four ways.

The interval between the phonetic pitches of a downstepping sequence of tones is generally greater than that of its corresponding reverse upstepping sequence. The interval between a sequence of tones /1:2/, for example, is generally greater than that between a sequence /2:1/. Similarly, in successive occurrences of the same tone or tone cluster within a phrase, each successive occurrence of the tone is slightly lower in pitch than the preceding one. In (23), the second occurrence of /1/ is slightly lower than the first occurrence of /1/, the second occurrence of /14/ is slightly lower than the first occurrence of /14/, and the pitch of /2/ at the end of the phrase is almost as low as that of /4/ at the beginning of the phrase.

(23) sa⁴ʔmi¹ ču¹⁴ ho¹ nti¹⁴ya² the animal will make two trips
 S31

Downdrift of two successive occurrences of the same tone or tone cluster generally occurs only if the second occurrence of the tone cluster is unchanged by tone sandhi rules. If, however, the tone of the second syllable is changed by one of the tone sandhi rules to become like the tone on the preceding syllable, then the second occurrence of the tone will generally take the same absolute pitch as the first occurrence. This feature seems to be most pronounced on level /1/, less so on level /2/, and very slight on level /3/. It does not operate on level /4/. At the end of an utterance, however, there is generally a step down in pitch between successive occurrences of the same tone or tone cluster in the last two or three syllables regardless of the occurrence of tone sandhi. In the final syllable of an utterance, a single tone may optionally terminate with a slight downglide. Tone /4/ always has a downglide in this context as indicated in (19) above.

Downdrift occurs throughout an utterance until the speaker pauses, at which time he may shift the absolute pitch of his voice up to a higher range to compensate for the gradual drift down. Although pauses do not necessarily correspond with grammatical sentences, raises in pitch of this sort usually correspond with pauses at the boundaries of grammatical sentences.

3. *Distribution*

The four tones may occur singly, or in combinations of two or three on a single syllable. Of the 16 possible clusters of two tones, only eight occur within a single syllable. These are presented in matrix (24).

(24)

1 1			1 4
2 1			2 4
3 1			3 4
4 1	4 2		

The sequence /¹¹/ ordinarily would be considered a single tone. Because of tone sandhi which will be discussed below, however, the sequence /³¹/ becomes /¹¹/ in some context. In such instances, /¹¹/ is treated as a cluster.

Of the four upglides, three end in /1/; of the three downglides, all end in /4/.

In addition, there are five glides composed of one of the four sequences of two tones ending in /1/ or /2/ plus a downglide to /4/, yielding /¹¹⁴ ²¹⁴ ³¹⁴ ⁴¹⁴ ⁴²⁴/.

A voiced consonant in the syllable margin tends to carry the pitch of the initial tone of the syllable. An exception to this rule is that when a nasal consonant is followed by a plosive, with or without a preceding /ʔ/, the nasal is generally pronounced with the pitch of the preceding syllable, with any step up or down being realized between the nasal and its plosive. Voiceless consonants do not carry tone. In the case of one-syllable words spoken in isolation, any single tone or any tone cluster may occur with a single uninterrupted vowel, whether nasalized or not, with the following exceptions:

(a) Cluster /³¹⁴/ only occurs on a syllable with an interrupted vowel, and

(b) clusters /²¹ ²¹⁴ ⁴¹⁴/ only occur with nasalized vowels.

On one-syllable words spoken in isolation, any single tone or tone cluster may occur on a syllable with an interrupted vowel, whether nasalized or not, with the following exceptions:

(c) Tones /¹ ¹⁴/ do not occur with interrupted vowels;

(d) cluster /²⁴/ only occurs with a nasalized vowel when interrupted by /ʔ/, and never occurs with a vowel interrupted by /h/;

(e) the clusters /²¹ ²¹⁴ ⁴¹⁴/ only occur with nasalized vowels when interrupted by /h/, and never occur with vowels interrupted by /ʔ/; and

(f) the cluster /⁴¹/ occurs only with vowels interrupted by /h/, whether nasalized or not, and never with vowels interrupted by /ʔ/.

On one-syllable words spoken in isolation, any single tone or tone cluster may occur with a vowel onglide within the syllable, with the following exception:

(g) The clusters /¹⁴ ²⁴ ³⁴ ⁴¹⁴/ do not occur with a vowel onglide.

4. *Tone Sandhi*

Unlike Huautla Mazatec (K. Pike 1948:95), Chiquihuitlan Mazatec has both tone sandhi and some subclassification according to arbitrary tonomechanical differences. Another Mazatec dialect reported to have tone sandhi is the Soyaltepec dialect (E. Pike 1956).

The tone sandhi rules apply to tones on different syllables, but not to the relationship of two or three tones that may constitute a cluster on the same syllable. Rule 1 must precede Rule 6; Rule 4 must precede Rule 7; and Rule 5 must precede Rule 8.

The rules should be applied in succession, syllable by syllable, over an entire utterance. That is, Rule 1 should be applied, if applicable, to the first syllable of an utterance, then to the second, third, etc., until a phonological pause is reached, at which time return to syllable one again and apply Rule 2. Once a rule has been passed in the sequence of rules, it can no longer be applied out of order. In the case of a native speaker, of course, the procedure is obviously different. Whereas the recommended procedure here is for earlier rules to apply to the basic tones of a morpheme and then for subsequent rules to apply to the changed tones until all the rules have been applied, a native speaker presumably applies any and all applicable rules to each syllable, or perhaps to small groups of syllables that may operate together, as he goes along.

The basic tone of a morpheme is that which occurs with the morpheme when spoken in isolation. In the case of a bound morpheme, its basic tone can be determined by observing it when following a tone /⁴/, since a tone /⁴/ never causes a following tone to change. Otherwise, a bound morpheme may be observed in several different environments and its basic tone deduced from the way it changes in each context.

Grammatical tone on a verb, marking person and aspect (C. Jamieson 1974), and the tone of some compound nouns made up of a

noun plus an adjective, are considered basic.

The tone sandhi rules apply to the tones of successive syllables regardless of whether those syllables belong to nouns, verbs, particles, etc. They also apply to the tones of successive syllables regardless of morpheme or word boundaries, with a few exceptions which will be mentioned below, of certain two-syllable word groups which have a tone /³/ or /⁴/ on the first syllable.

Tone Sandhi Rules 1 through 5 are progressive in their application, causing a following tone to change. Tone Sandhi Rule 6 is regressive in its application, causing a preceding tone to change. Tone Sandhi Rules 7 and 8 are negative environment rules in which the tone changes occur everywhere except in the environments stated.

The tone sandhi rules generally apply throughout an utterance until a pause which coincides with the end of a grammatical sentence is reached. A speaker may choose, however, to stop applying the rules at a longer pause even if it is not at the end of a grammatical sentence, in which case he resumes speaking on the basic tone of the next word without regard to whether it would be changed by juxtaposition with the preceding word or not. The speaker may also choose to join two or more grammatical sentences into a single phonological sentence with no pause, and may or may not stop the continuous application of the tone sandhi rules at the end of the grammatical sentences within the phonological sentence.

In Tone Sandhi Rule 1, a /³/ is realized as /¹/ following a syllable with a tone /¹/, whether the /¹/ of the environment is a single tone or the final tone of a cluster, and whether the underlying /³/ is a single tone or the initial tone of a cluster.

(25) TONE SANDHI RULE 1.

$^3 \rightarrow ^1 / : (T)_1 : ___ (T)$

sua¹ I give + rki³ medicine \rightarrow *sua¹ rkj¹* A415

kih^{3 1} went + -nka³ again + mu³su^{3 4} hired worker \rightarrow *kih^{3 1}nka¹*
mu¹su^{1 4} S13

In Tone Sandhi Rule 2, tone /³/ is realized as /²/ following a syllable with a tone /²/ when the latter is a single tone or the final tone of a cluster, and when the underlying /³/ is a single tone or the initial tone of a cluster of 2 or 3 tones within the syllable.

(26) TONE SANDHI RULE 2.

$^3 \rightarrow ^2 / : (T)_2 : ___ (T)(T) :$

nku²?ñu² rapidly + hbä³ it finishes → nku²?ñu² hbä² S22

nku² one + nṭa³?nka³⁴ corncrib → nku² nṭa²?nka²⁴ S37

There are two kinds of context in which these tone sandhi rules do not apply. First, Rule 1 does not apply to the /³/ of the first syllable of a two-syllable word whose second syllable has tone sequence /¹⁴/ or /³¹⁴/, or to the /³/ of the second syllable of a three-syllable word whose third syllable has the tone sequence /¹⁴/. Note, however, that in this last case, the /³/ of a first syllable does become /¹/:

(27) khui¹ it is going + ni³se¹⁴ mouse → khui¹ ni³se¹⁴

hyu³¹ quiet + ka³hbe³¹⁴ you (sg) arrived → hyu³¹ ka³hbe³¹⁴

Secondly, Tone Sandhi Rules 1 and 2 do not apply to the /³/ of the following list of words:

ta ³ (cause) S2	rku ³ your (sg) head
koh ³ with S1, A189	čä ³ I am drunk
cih ³ yours (sg) A39	čy ³ you (pl) will buy/are
cy ³ your (pl) brother	sju ³ you (pl) drink drunk
če ³ you (sg) will buy	neh ³ my tongue
nuh ³ your (pl) tongue	nih ³ your (sg) tongue
khue ³ he will go away	či ³ you (sg) are drunk
khuä ³ it will get used up	št ³⁴ our (ex) forehead
nce ³ your (sg) hand S18	šky ³⁴ our (ex) face
nca ³ my hand	rky ³⁴ our (ex) head
ncy ³ your (pl) hand	ca ³⁴ mine
šte ³ you (sg) dance	c h ³⁴ ours (ex)
štä ³ dance	č ³⁴ we (ex) are drunk
štę ³ my forehead	nc ³⁴ our (ex) hand
št ³ your (sg) forehead	se ³⁴ scarcely/just S6
štü ³ your (pl) forehead/ you (pl) dance	š ³⁴ man A522
šky ³ my/your (pl) face	naa ³⁴ mother A253
šky ³ your (sg) face	nih ³⁴ our (ex) tongue
rku ³ my head	nteh ³⁴ sugar cane
rky ³ your (pl) head	nkę ³⁴ I S6, A693
	-?ę ³⁴ I

- (28) $kue^4h\ddot{n}a^2ya^1$ *will wait* + ta^3 (*cause*) → $kue^4h\ddot{n}a^2ya^{14}$ ta^3 S15
 ka^3ma^1 *became* + $nk\grave{a}^?3^4$ *I* → ka^3ma^{14} $nk\grave{a}^?3^4$ S6

In Tone Sandhi Rule 3, a tone /4/ is realized as a cluster /¹⁴/ following a syllable with a tone /1/, whether the latter is a single tone or the member of a cluster of two or three tones.

(29) TONE SANDHI RULE 3.

$4 \rightarrow 14 / : (T)1(T) : ___ :$

ho^1 *two* + $khua^4$ *word* → ho^1 $khua^{14}$ S1

$le^4?ba^{14}$ *hoe* + ne^4 *uh* → $le^4?ba^{14}$ ne^{14} S13

In Tone Sandhi Rule 4, a tone /4/ is realized as a cluster /²⁴/ following a syllable in which two is the highest tone, whether the latter is a single tone or the member of a cluster with tone /4/.

(30) TONE SANDHI RULE 4.

$4 \rightarrow 24 / : (4)2(4) : ___ :$

nu^2 *year* + ne^4 *uh* → nu^2 ne^{24} S3

$kui^?4^2$ *will drink* + me^4 *they* → $kul^?4^2$ me^{24} S18

In Tone Sandhi Rule 5, a tone /4/ is realized as the cluster /³⁴/ following a syllable whose highest tone is /3/, whether the latter is a single tone or a member of a cluster within the syllable.

(31) TONE SANDHI RULE 5.

$4 \rightarrow 34 / : 3(4) : ___ :$

koh^3 *with* + me^4 *they* → koh^3 me^{34} S5

\check{su}^3ma^{34} *poor* + hnu^4 *corn plant* → \check{su}^3ma^{34} hnu^{34} S20

Rules 3 through 5 apply only to a single tone /4/. When this tone is the initial tone of a cluster, it does not change except in the bound morpheme $-nuh^{41}$ *your (pl)*, which is pronounced with tone /3/ as its highest tone. Thus, rki^3nuh^{31} *your (pl) medicine*.

There are also a few arbitrary exceptions to Rule 5. It does not apply to the /4/ of the first syllable of a two-syllable word whose second syllable has /1 2 3 14 24 424/.

- (32) ta^3 (*cause*) + \check{sku}^4su^{14} *custom* → ta^3 \check{sku}^4su^{14} S18

Speakers seem to apply Rule 5 only optionally to the /4/ of the first syllable of a two-syllable word whose second syllable has /³⁴ 4² 4¹/.

- (33) *khue⁴ will go + -sa³ more + ni⁴št^l³⁴ day* → *khue⁴sa³ ni³⁴št^l³⁴*
 ~ *khue⁴sa³ ni⁴št^l³⁴* S28

Tone Sandhi Rule 5 does apply to the /4/ of all one-syllable words and of the first syllable of the remaining two-syllable words whose second syllable has /4/ or /4¹⁴/.

- (34) *ʔo³ ox + sa³ š^l³ if + cä^{ʔ4} its + na⁴hñu⁴ turkey* → *ʔo³ sa³ š^l³*
cä^{ʔ34} na³⁴hñu³⁴ S17

In Tone Sandhi Rule 6, a tone /1/ is realized as a cluster /14/ in a set of complex environments which are indicated in the rule by the variable *x* and explained in detail below.

First of all, the tone /1/ which changes may be a single tone or the second member of a cluster. It may also be separated from the relevant context by any number of syllables with tone /1/ intervening in unbroken sequence. In such cases, each occurrence of /1/ in the sequence is realized as the cluster /14/.

In the rule, the variable *x* stands for four environments:

(a) a syllable with a basic tone cluster /14/ which has not resulted from the operation of tone sandhi upon it,

(b) any of the forms listed above as constituting exceptions to the application of Sandhi Rules 1 and 2,

(c) a syllable with a tone cluster whose first member is /4/,
 or

(d) the bound morpheme -r^{ä4} *its* or its fused compounds -r^{ä4} *her*, -r^{u4} *its (animal)*, or -r^{a2} *his*. (These bound morphemes are the only constituents of Class E forms. Note that the tone /4/ of these morphemes is realized as a cluster /14/ when serving as the context for the change of Tone Sandhi Rule 6 because of Tone Sandhi Rule 3.)

(35) TONE SANDHI RULE 6.

1 → 14 / : (T)___(:1)ⁿ:x

ku⁴ma³ will be able + ča²y^ä^l²¹ not noticeable + -nah⁴² to us
(in) → ku⁴ma³ ča²y^ä^l²¹⁴nah⁴² S25

sa¹?me¹ya¹ I work in company + koh³ with → *sa¹⁴?me¹⁴ya¹⁴ koh³*
 S21

Notice that the only syllables with tone /3/ that may occur after a single tone /1/ are the /3/ of the cluster /314/ and the /3/ of the first syllable of two-syllable words whose second syllable has /14 314/ and the /3/ of the second syllable of three-syllable words whose third syllable has /14/.

As mentioned above, Tone Sandhi Rule 7 is a negative environment rule which applies everywhere except in the stated environments which are therefore marked by an *. The rule states that a tone cluster /24/ is realized as a single tone /2/ in all environments except following a tone /2/ in the preceding syllable (whether or not /24/ is preceded within the syllable by /4/), or preceding either pause or a /2/ in the following syllable. The rule applies to any number of syllables with /24/ occurring in unbroken sequence.

(36) TONE SANDHI RULE 7.

$$24 \rightarrow 2 / * \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2:(4) _ \\ _ \#, :2 \end{array} \right.$$

ba³nk|²⁴ we (ex) go + ʒi³ to → ba³nk|² ʒi³ S16

kue⁴c|²⁴²⁴ they will begin + ku⁴ma³si³ne¹ will become yellow
→ kue⁴c|²⁴² ku²ma³si³ne⁴ S25

But: kue⁴c|²⁴²⁴ they will begin + ?ñu² strong + ku⁴ma³si³ne¹
will become yellow → kue⁴c|²⁴²⁴ ?ñu² ku²ma³si³ne¹ S26

Tone Sandhi Rule 8 is also a negative environment rule, as indicated by the *. It states that sequence /34/ is realized as single tone /3/ in all environments except when following a /3/ or preceding pause or /3/. As in the case of Rule 7, Rule 8 applies to any number of syllables with cluster /34/ occurring in unbroken sequence.

(37) TONE SANDHI RULE 8.

$$34 \rightarrow 3 / * \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3: _ \\ _ \#, :3 \end{array} \right.$$

se²³⁴ then + kue¹⁴ce⁴² we (in) will begin → se²³ kue¹⁴ce⁴² S37

ka³ma¹ became + nkə²³⁴ I + ʒi²³⁴ man + cä²⁴ of (3p) +
khua⁴ta³ky¹⁴ mind → ka³ma¹⁴ nkə²³ ʒi²³ cä²³ khua⁴ta³ky¹⁴ S6

But: nke²³⁴ here + kui³cha¹ I will say → nke²³⁴ kui³cha¹ S1

Having stated the tone sandhi rules, it is now possible to summarize the occurrence of tone patterns across syllable boundaries. Matrix (38) indicates the privilege of occurrence of tone patterns in the case of two successive one-syllable words.

(38)	1	14	11	2	24	21	214	3	34	31	314	4	41	414	42	424
1	OK	Σ	Σ	OK	Σ			1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	X
11	Σ	Σ						1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	X
21		Σ		OK				1/6	1/6	1	Σ	3	6	6	6	X
31	OK	Σ		OK				1/6	1/6	1	OK	3	6	6	6	X
41		Σ	Σ	OK				1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	X
2	OK	Σ	X	OK	Σ	Σ	Σ	OK	OK	2	2	4			OK	X
42			X	OK	Σ					2	2	4				X
3	OK	Σ	X	OK	OK	OK		OK	Σ	OK	OK	5			OK	X
4			X	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK	OK	Σ	OK	OK			X
14	Σ	Σ	X	Σ	Σ			Σ	Σ	Σ	Σ	3			Σ	X
214		Σ	X					Σ	Σ			3				X
314		Σ	X	OK				OK	Σ		OK	3	Σ			X
414			X									3				X
24	Σ		X	Σ	Σ			Σ	Σ	Σ	Σ	4				X
424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34			X	OK	Σ	Σ		OK	OK	OK	Σ	5	Σ	Σ	Σ	X

Each cell of matrix (38) is coded to indicate the status of occurrence of the sequence of one-syllable words whose first member has the tone indicated directly to the left of the cell in question and whose second member has the tone indicated directly above that cell.

Forty-one cells contain an X to identify the sequences not permitted due to the fact that the clusters /₁₁ 4₂₄/ never occur as basic clusters on monosyllabic words.

Forty-eight cells of the matrix occur with the number of one or two tone sandhi rules, indicating that these sequence do not occur because of the automatic operation of these rules.

Forty-six cells of the matrix are coded with Σ to indicate that they have been observed in a corpus of 765 lines of text as the result of the operation of a tone sandhi rule. Most of these sequences could have occurred as basic sequences apart from tone sandhi. The exceptions are: (T)₁ + ₁₄, (T)₁ + ₁₁, and ₁₁ + T(T). The first of these sequences may not occur as a basic sequence because of the operation of Tone Sandhi Rule 6. It occurs as a derived sequence by the operation of Tone Sandhi Rules 1 or 3. The other two sequences may occur only as the result of the operation of Tone Sandhi Rule 1 because of the fact that cluster /₁₁/ does not occur as a basic tone sequence on any one-syllable words.

Thirty-six cells of the matrix are coded by OK to indicate that those sequences have been observed to occur in the 765 line corpus referred to above. The remaining 85 unmarked cells represent sequences that are permissible but which were not found in the text material reviewed. Many of these sequences will presumably be found in other texts. Some of the tones and clusters in question, however, occur on very few words and will therefore be rare (e.g., /₄₂ 2₁₄ 4₁₄/). Other tones occur on words that are restricted to one grammatical category (such as the tone cluster /₂₁/ which occurs only on negative verbs), and it is unlikely that two such words would ever be juxtaposed in a sentence.

In summary, of the 256 theoretically possible sequences of tones on two successive monosyllabic words, 89 do not occur either because of the restricted distribution of the clusters or because of tone sandhi rules. This leaves 167 permitted sequences, of which 82 have so far been observed in about 765 lines of text.

Matrix (39) is coded to indicate the occurrence of sequences of tone within two-syllable words.

(39)

	1	14	11	2	24	21	214	3	34	31	314	4	41	414	42	424
1	OK	Σ	Σ	OK	Σ			1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	6
11	σ			σ				1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	6
21	OK							1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	6
31	OK			OK				1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	6
41	OK							1/6	1/6	1		3	6	6	6	6
2	OK	Σ OK	X	OK	OK	OK	Σ OK	OK	OK	2	2	4	OK	OK	OK	
42			X	OK		OK	σ	OK	OK	2	2	4	OK	σ	OK	
3	OK	OK	X	OK	OK			OK	OK	OK	OK	5			OK	
4	OK	OK	X	OK	OK			OK	OK			OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
14	Σ	OK	X	Σ OK	Σ OK			OK	Σ OK			3	OK	Σ	OK	Σ
214		OK	X	Σ OK				OK	OK			3	OK	σ	OK	
314		OK	X	OK				OK	OK			3	OK	σ	OK	
414		OK	X	OK				OK	OK			3	OK	σ	OK	
24	Σ	Σ	X	Σ OK	Σ			Σ	Σ			4	Σ	Σ	Σ	σ
424			X	OK								4				
34			X					OK				5	σ	σ	σ	

The cells of matrix (39) are coded to indicate the status of two-syllable words whose first syllable has the tone indicated immediately to the left of the cell and whose second syllable has the tone indicated immediately above the cell.

Eleven cells are coded by X to indicate the non-occurrence of those sequences because of the fact that the cluster /¹¹/ never occurs as the basic tone of any syllable.

Fifty-four cells are coded with one or two numbers to indicate that the sequences in question do not occur because of the operation of particular tone sandhi rules.

Forty cells are coded by OK to indicate that those sequences have been observed in two-syllable words within the corpus of 765 lines of text reviewed. An additional 31 cells are coded by *ok* to indicate that these sequences have been observed in elicited material but not within the particular extended text material reviewed.

Twenty-one cells of the matrix are coded by Σ to indicate that the sequences of tone in question were observed in the text material reviewed, but only as a result of the operation of a tone sandhi rule. Seven of these 21 sequences have also been observed on two-syllable words which have been independently elicited apart from text material.

An additional 11 cells of the matrix are coded by σ to indicate that the sequences in question have been observed as a result of tone sandhi operations in independently elicited material apart from the corpus of text material.

The remaining 95 unmarked cells of the matrix represent sequences of tones that have not been observed on two-syllable words either in the corpus or in other elicited material.

In summary, of the 256 theoretically possible sequences of tones on two-syllable words, 160 have not been observed. Of the 96 occurring sequences, 71 occur as basic sequences and 25 as the result of tone sandhi.

Of the more than 4,000 theoretically possible sequences of tone on three-syllable words, only around 100 are known actually as basic sequences. Upgliding tone clusters are rare in first and second syllables. Downgliding tone clusters, except /¹⁴/, are extremely rare in first and second syllables. Any tone or tone cluster, except /¹¹ ⁴²⁴/, may occur in the third syllable.

5. *Relation to Grammatical Forms*

Each word in my corpus has been assigned to a class on the basis of its basic tone or tone sequence. For example, the basic tone /1/ class consists of all the one-syllable words that are pronounced in isolation with a tone /1/, and the basic tone se-

quence /2:21/ class consists of all the two-syllable words that are pronounced in isolation with that tone sequence. There is also a tone cluster class /11/, and several tone sequence classes that occur only as result of tone sandhi. Only basic tone classes will be discussed in this section, since all of them can be pronounced in isolation and are included in the basic classes.

The basic tone /1/ class consists of about thirty words. None are nouns, except for personal names, e.g., /hɨa¹/ *Juan*. The basic tone /2/ class consists of over one hundred words of all grammatical types. The basic tone /3/ class consists of over seventy words of all grammatical types. The basic tone /4/ class consists of over fifty words. Only about six are verbs, eight are adjectives, and the rest are nouns.

The basic tone cluster /14/ class consists of about ten words from various grammatical types. The basic tone cluster /24/ class consists of about ten words from various grammatical types. The four nouns are all Spanish loans. The basic tone cluster /34/ class consists of about twenty-five words from various grammatical categories.

The basic tone cluster /21/ class consists of about seventy words; all are negative verbs except for the negative adjective *ntaih²¹* *not good*. The basic tone cluster /31/ class consists of about fifty words, none of which are nouns. These are the same words that make up the tone cluster /11/ class in the environment following a tone /1/ because of Tone Sandhi Rule 1. The basic tone cluster /41/ class consists of about fifty words, all of which are verbs, mostly marked for incompletive aspect, except for the adjective *cɨh⁴¹* *yours (pl)*.

The basic tone cluster /42/ class consists of fewer than twenty words from various grammatical categories.

The basic tone cluster /214/ class consists of about twelve words, all of which are negative first person plural exclusive verbs ending with -l, except for two words which are negative first person singular verbs.

The basic tone cluster /314/ class consists of about thirty words from various grammatical types. The basic tone cluster /414/ class consists of less than ten words, all of which are negative first person plural exclusive verbs.

Basic tone sequence classes of two-syllable words are referred to according to size in the following way: less-than-ten-words, small (10-50 words), medium (50-100 words), and large (over 100 words).

Some classes contain only verbs. The following four basic tone sequence classes each contain less than ten words, all of which are verbs: /4:424/ (all have interrupted final syllable),

/14:24/ (only one word), /31:2/, and /414:2/.

The basic tone sequence /4:24/ class is small, and all words are incomplete aspect first person plural exclusive or incomplete aspect third person verbs.

Six basic tone sequence classes contain only one-syllable verbs plus suffixes: /31:1/ (e.g., /meh³¹na¹ I want) and /41:1/ are both medium classes; /414:14/ is small, all forms ending in -rā⁴ to him, -rā⁴ to her, or -ru⁴ to it (animal); /414:34/ is less than ten words, all ending in -nih³⁴ to us (ex); /414:41/ is less than ten words, all ending in -nuh⁴¹ to you; and /414:42/ is less than ten words, all ending in -nah⁴² to us (in).

Three basic tone sequence classes contain only negative verbs: /2:214/ is small, all first person plural exclusive, ending in -i; /2:414/ is under ten words; /42:21/ is under ten words, all marked for incomplete aspect.

Eight basic tone sequence classes contain only one-syllable negative verbs plus suffixes: /21:1/ is large; /214:2/ is less than ten words, all ending in -ra² to him; /214:3/ is small; /214:14/ is small, all ending in -rā⁴ to it, -rā⁴ to her, or -ru⁴ to it (animal); /214:34/ is small, all ending in -nih³⁴ to us (ex); /214:41/ is less than ten words, all ending in -nah⁴¹ to you (pl); /214:42/ is less than ten words, all ending in -nah⁴² to us (in); /414:3/ is small.

Eleven basic tone sequence classes contain mostly verbs: /1:2/ is small; /2:1/ is small, the verbs all ending with a directional suffix; /2:21/ is large, about three hundred forms, the most common tone pattern for negative verbs; /3:1/ is large, including only fifteen non-verbs; /3:24/ is small, including a few Spanish loan nouns; /3:31/ is medium, all non-verbs being nouns ending in -nuh⁴¹ your (pl); /3:314/ is small, including only three nouns; /4:1/ is medium, all the verbs being incomplete, imperative, or both, and only six of the forms being non-verbs; /4:414/ is small, including only two nouns; /14:3/ is medium, all the verbs being first or second person; /42:2/ is small, all forms being one-syllable plus a suffix.

Seven basic tone sequence classes contain verbs and nouns: /4:41/ is large, about half being negative verb forms, and all the nouns being one-syllable with tone /4/ plus -nuh⁴¹ your (pl); /4:42/ is medium, nearly all words being first person plural inclusive forms, and the nouns being nearly all bound or fused possessive forms; /14:14/ is less than ten words, mostly one-syllable words with tone /1/ or cluster /14/ plus -rā⁴ its; /14:34/ is small, all words being first person plural exclusive forms, the verbs being all positive, the nouns being all one-syllable nouns with the cluster /14/ plus -nih³⁴ our (ex); /14:41/ is under ten words, both

verbs and nouns being one-syllable plus $-nuh^{41}$ *you (pl)*; $/14:42/$ is small, all words being first person plural exclusive forms, all the nouns one-syllable plus $-nah^{42}$ *our (in)*; $/2:41/$ is small, almost all the verbs being negative, and all the nouns being one-syllable with tone $/2/$ plus $-nuh^{41}$ *your (pl)*.

Five basic tone sequence classes are all one-syllable words plus suffixes: $/314:3/$ is small; $/314:14/$ is small, and most forms end in $-r\ddot{a}^4$ *its*, $-r\ddot{a}^4$ *her*, or $-ru^4$ *its (animal)*; $/314:34/$ is small, all words ending in $-na^{234}$ *my* or $-nih^{34}$ *our (ex)*; $/314:41/$ is small, all ending in $-nuh^{41}$ *you (pl)*; $/314:42/$ is small, all forms ending in $-nah^{42}$ *our (in)*.

Nine basic tone sequence classes contain words from various grammatical categories, including adjectives, adverbs, etc.: $/1:1/$ is medium, and includes many first person singular verbs; $/2:2/$ is large; $/2:14/$ is under ten words; $/2:24/$ is large, many of the words being positive first person plural exclusive neutral aspect verbs ending in $-\ddot{a}$; $/3:2/$ is large; $/3:3/$ is large; $/3:14/$ is medium; $/4:2/$ is large, all the verbs being incomplete, imperative, or both; $/4:3/$ is large, all the non-compound verbs being incomplete, imperative, or both, and many of the nouns being obligatorily possessed, consisting of a body part and a fused person marker (cf. C. Jamieson, 1974:2f).

Ten basic tone sequence classes contain mostly nouns: $/3:34/$ is large, including about thirty Spanish loan nouns; $/4:4/$ is large, including only two verbs; $/4:14/$ is small, with only seven verbs; $/4:34/$ is medium, including only two verbs; $/14:2/$ is under ten words, one form $ntl^{14}l^{12}$ *little bell* probably being a Spanish loan, and the rest being all one-syllable words with tone $/1/$ or cluster $/14/$ plus $-ra^2$ *his*; $/24:2/$ is small, all words being one-syllable with tone $/2/$ plus $-ra^2$ *his*; $/2:3/$ is small, all the nouns being bound or fused possessive forms, and the bound forms being all one-syllable with tone $/2/$ plus $-rih^3$ *your (sg)*; $/2:34/$ is small, all the nouns being one-syllable with tone $/2/$ plus $-na^{234}$ *my* or $-nih^{34}$ *our (ex)*; $/2:42/$ is small, all words being first person plural inclusive forms, mostly one-syllable with tone $/2/$ plus $-nah^{42}$ *our (in)*; $/314:2/$ is less than ten words, mostly one-syllable nouns with the tone cluster $/314/$ plus $-ra^2$ *his*.

Four basic tone sequence classes contain less than ten words each, and all are one-syllable words with the cluster $/42/$, mostly nouns, plus the suffixes indicated: $/424:2/$ with $-ra^2$ *his*; $/42:34/$ with $-na^{234}$ *my* or $-nih^{34}$ *our (ex)*; $/42:41/$ with $-nuh^{41}$ *your (pl)*; $/42:42/$ with $-nah^{42}$ *our (in)*.

Three basic tone sequence classes contain all one-syllable nouns plus the suffixes indicated: $/34:34/$ is small, ending in $-na^{234}$ *my* or $-nih^{34}$ *our (ex)*; $/3:42/$ is small, ending in $-nah^{42}$ *our (in)*; $/42:3/$ is less than ten words, ending in $-rih^3$ *your (sg)*.

6. *Text*

The following text was originally recorded in early 1970 by Mr. Ernesto Tejeda Salvador, in his mid-forties, a native and present resident of Chiquihuitlan. After transcribing the actual text from the tape, Mr. Tejeda did minor editing to remove pause forms, etc. Then, in 1974 he re-recorded it, reading from the edited text, which, incidentally, was written in the popular orthography in which tones are not written. In addition, he re-recorded the text by whistling it all the way through. In my judgment the only undesirable effect obtained by this procedure was that Mr. Tejeda interrupted the application of the tone sandhi rules by inserting more than the normal number of phonological pauses, since he was reading a script rather than just speaking extemporaneously. However, the slower speed of speech and the more frequent pauses greatly facilitated the checking of the tones. The correspondence between the tones of the spoken and the whistled versions confirms the accuracy of the transcription here presented.

Abbreviations used in the text are the following:

- (def) definite article
- (ex) exclusive
- (in) inclusive
- (pl) plural
- (pp) a phonological pause that broke the continued application of the tone sandhi rules
- (3p) 3rd person
- 14** basic tone 4, as spoken in isolation, has changed to 14, and similarly for other tone changes
- ... more than one Mazatec word the equivalent of one gloss

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1. nke^{ʔ34} kul³cha^{14*1} koh³nuh³¹ nku² ho¹ khua^{14**} sa³kua^{ʔ34}
here will-say-I with-you-(pl) one two word like

I will tell you something about when I was growing up with

- ni⁴št¹na^{ʔ34} š¹ ka²ma²ča² koh³ šu^{34**}ta^{34**}ča²na^{ʔ34} (pp)
day-my which became-mature with parent-my

my parents.

2. he^{14*1}mu^{14*1} n̄tah^{114*31} ka^{14*3}ba¹⁴thu³ ka³ma^{14*1} ta³
very good passed-I happened for

I had it pretty good, for they did not make me work too

- ka³ci³he²nta¹na¹ me^{14**} 3. ʔ¹ska³ š¹ ka³be¹⁴ču³ t̄hu^{ʔ2}nku²
did-not-tire-(3p)-me they until ... reached-I sixteen

hard.

It was not until I reached

- nu² ne^{24**} se^{ʔ34} ka³be¹⁴thu³ skue³la³⁴ (pp) 4. pe⁴ru⁴ sa³kua^{ʔ34}
year , then left-I school but like

sixteen years of age that I quit school.

However, on

- sa³ba³du³⁴ koh³ do³mi³nk̄y³⁴ š¹ ca¹h³¹ kla^{1*3}se^{14*34}
Saturday with Sunday which there-is-not class

Saturdays and Sundays, when there were not any classes, I would

- ne^{14**} hb̄a² ko³ šu^{34**}ta^{34**}ča²na^{ʔ34} nki³h̄ña² 5. me² ša²
, go-I with parent-my field what work

go to the field/s with parents.

I was already

- š¹2*3 sa^{2*3}ʔmi¹ me^{24**} ne^{24**} (pp) ʔa⁴ ti³hba^{ʔ31}kue¹⁴nta³
which do-(3p) they , already am-taking-notice-I

taking notice of all the various jobs they would do.

- yāh³ni² koh³ me^{34**} 6. ka³be³ču¹ nu² š¹2*3 ka^{2*3}ma^{14*1}
everything with them arrived-(3p) year which became

The year that I reached manhood, then

- nk̄a^{ʔ3*34} š¹ʔ3*14 cā^{ʔ3*4} khua⁴ta³ky¹⁴ ne^{14**} se^{ʔ34} ka³be¹⁴ce^{ʔ3}
I man of-(3p) mind , then began-I

I began to work: just like my parents.

- ne^{34**} ʔa²ku²t̄h² ša² š¹2*3 sa^{2*3}ʔmi² šu^{24**}ta^{24**}ča²na^{ʔ34} ne^{34**}
, how work which do-(3p) parent-my ,

- (pp) ʔa⁴kua⁴th² ka^{2*3}sa¹ʔme¹ (pp) 7. ši³ thy¹thy¹
just-like-that did-I *which first-first*
First of all, I would
- ne^{14**4} ka³mu¹sy¹ (pp) 8. ka³hbä³ ne^{34**4} se^{ʔ34}
, cleared-I *was-finished-(3p)* *, then*
clear the land. After that, then one would
- ʔi³skä¹⁴ ši³ na³nki³⁴ʂta¹⁴ ne^{14**4} ka³bi³nčl³se¹⁴rä¹⁴ nʔah^{14**4}
where ... ground-smooth , were-looked-for-(3p) cattle
look for oxen to plow where the ground was smooth (i.e., not
- ka³ba³khä² ču^{24**4} 9. ʔi³skä¹⁴ ši³ na⁴ši⁴nʔa³⁴⁵ ne^{34**4} koh³
broke-(3p) animal *where ... bouldery , with*
covered with boulders). Where there were lots of boulders,
- le⁴ʔba¹⁴ ka³ba²kh² (pp) 10. ʔa⁴kyi⁴¹ hi²nku²hyä²
hoe broke-we-(ex) *not everywhere*
we would break up the ground with hoes. We do not say that
- ši^{2*3} nu¹⁴hə⁴² ši^{2*3} su^{2*3}ba¹ nʔah^{14**4} ka³ba³khä² ču^{24**4} (pp)
that say-we-(in) that only cattle broke-(3p) animal
the oxen alone plowed everywhere.
11. ʔa⁴ču⁴ koh³ šu^{34**4}ta^{34**4} ka³ba³khä² me^{24**4} koh³ le⁴ʔba¹⁴ ta³
still with person broke-(3p) they with hoe for
People still had to break up the ground with hoes, because
- cä^{ʔ34**4} ši³ ʔi³skä¹⁴ na^{14**4}xi^{14**4}nʔa³⁴ ne^{34**4} mai^{h31} ba^{1*3}khä²
because ... where bouldery , cannot break-(3p)
the oxen cannot plow where there are a lot of boulders.
- nʔah^{24**4} 12. ši³ ka²hne²ta^{ʔ2} ka^{2*3}ba^{2*3}khä^{2*3}rä^{24**34} ne^{24**4}
cattle when ended-(3p) was-broken-it ,
After the plowing was done, the plowed ground would
- ka³hba³ñä³ he³ʔntu³ ʔi³skä¹⁴ ka³ba³khä³rä³⁴ hä² 13. nku² ho¹
lay-(3p) rotting where was-broken-it (def) one two
lie fallow. For several
- ni^{14**4}ʂtj³⁴ ne^{34**4} ʔya³ ši³ ka²ma²ti²ñä² ni^{24**4}ʂtj³⁴ ši³
day , when... became-near day which
days, when the time to plant was near, then the oxen and the

šl⁴nč¹ thä^{14*4} ne^{14*4} se⁷³⁴ ka³bu³ya² klh^{21*31}nka¹
will-be-put-in-(3p) seed , then returned-(3p) went-(3p)-
hired workers with hoes would go back again to replot. again

nřah^{14*4} ne^{14*4} kih³¹nka¹ mu^{1*3}su^{14*34} koh³ le⁴?ba¹⁴ ne^{14*4}
cattle , went-(3p)-again hired-worker with hoe ,

šl³ khul⁴nl³ya¹ (pp) 14. ?a⁴ šky⁴ šl³ ka³hbä³
so will-be-moved when was-finished-(3p)
When the reploting was finished,
 ka³hbl³nl³ya¹ ne^{14*4} se^{73*34} kue⁴hñä²ya¹⁴rä¹⁴ ci² šl^{2*3}
was-moved , then will-be-awaited-(3p) rain which
then one would wait for the rain.

kua^{2*3} (pp) 15. pe⁴ru⁴ sa³ šl³ nta¹hy|⁷¹ nu² ne^{24*4}
will-rain-(3p) but if... good-looks year ,
But if it is a good year, one does not

(pp) ?a⁴ ?i³ska³ ?a⁴ky|⁴¹ kue^{14*4}hñä²ya^{14*1} ta³ tu⁴nku²
even not will-be-awaited-(3p) for as-soon-as
even wait, for as soon as one finishes reploting, one plants,

ku|^{24*4}hne³ta² khul^{24*4}nl³ya¹ ne^{14*4} (pp) ?a⁴ nku³the³⁴nl²
will-end-(3p) will-be-moved , right-away
for in a good year, it rains early.

šl^{24*4}nč¹ thä^{14*4} ta³ ?ya³ šl³ nta¹hy|⁷¹ nu² ne^{24*4}
will-be-put-in-(3p) seed for when... good-looks year ,

he¹mu¹ th¹ba^{71*3} ci² (pp) 16. ?ya³ šl³ ba³nk|^{2*24}
very first rains-(3p) rain when... go-we-(ex)
When we go to plant,

šl³ šl⁴nč¹ thä^{14*4} (pp) ?a⁴kua⁷⁴ ma¹ nku²
so will-be-put-in-(3p) seed also happens one
there is a little matter (to be taken care of).

khua^{24*4}nřa³⁴ li³?nti¹⁴ 17. ma¹ nta²hñä²⁴ ša^{24*4}?nta^{24*4}
bother little is-made mole-sauce chicken
One makes chicken mole, or else

ʔo³ sa³ ʃi³ cä^{ʔ34*4} na^{34*4} hñu^{34*4} ʃi³ khue^{34*4} ʃi³
or else... of-(3p) turkey which will-go-(3p) which
turkey mole^{fn}, to send out for the planters to eat.

si^{34*4} ne^{34*4} ča² ʃi^{2*3} bi^{2*3} nča² thä^{24*4} 18. ʃi³
will-eat-(3p) they who put-in-(3p) seed when
After

khuä³ ʃi⁴ nča¹ thä^{14*4} ne^{14*4} (pp)
will-be-finished-(3p) will-be-put-in-(3p) seed ,
finishing planting, all the helpers would go to my house,

khue⁴ yäh³ ni² ko^{2*3} mpa^{2*3} ñe^{2*3} ru^{24*34} ta^{ʔ2} nṯa^{24*4} na^{ʔ34}
will-go-(3p) all companion to house-my
because the custom is to have a drink.

ta³ ʃku⁴ sy¹⁴ ʃi³ ta² ky² ne^{24*4} (pp) sa⁴ ku¹ nku²
for custom which is , will-be-found one

tra^{2*3} gu^{24*34} kui^{ʔ42} me^{24*4} (pp) 19. ʔa⁴ ky¹⁴¹
drink will-drink-(3p) they not

Not for them

ʔi^{1*3} ska^{1*3} ʃi^{1*3} ku^{14*4} ma³ ʃi^{ʔ34} me^{34*4} ta³ ʔa² ku² th² ʃi^{2*3}
until will-become-drunk-(3p) they but how
to get drunk, but just to take away their tiredness.

khua^{ʔ42} ta^{ʔ214} ni¹⁴ rä¹⁴ ʃi³ hbe³ nta³ rä³⁴ me^{34*4}
will-be-taken-away-(3p) that are-tired-(3p) they

20. ka³ be³ ču¹ nku² ni² ʃt² ʃi^{2*3} ka^{2*3} be^{2*3} c¹ ʔ²⁴ ka² ma² thḡi²
arrived-(3p) one day that began-(3p) became-over-
When the poor cornfield became overgrown, one would grow

ʃu^{2*3} ma^{24*34} hnu^{24*4} ne^{24*4} ka³ be³ c¹ ʔ^{2*24} ka³ thu³ nči³ rä³⁴ (pp)
poor corn-plant , began-(3p) was-weeded-(3p)
begin weeding it.

21. ʔa⁴ kua⁴ th² ka² ma² ta²⁴ nky² nka^{24*4} y¹ ʃ³⁴ (pp) me⁴ ʃi³
like-that became-together we-(ex) they who

^{fn} Mole is a type of sauce used with meats.

So then we would get together, those who were hired, and those

koh³ čh¹rä²⁴ (pp) me⁴ š¹ sa^{14*1}?me^{14*1}ya^{14*1} koh³
 with pay-(3p) they who exchange-work-I with
 with whom I exchanged work.

22. nku²?ñu² lbä^{2*3} thu^{2*3}nč¹2*3rä^{24*34} š¹ kua⁴th¹²
 quickly 1s-finished-(3p) is-weeded-(3p) when like-that
 In that way one finishes the weeding quickly.

(pp) 23. kue¹c¹?4^{2*424} ku^{2*4}ma³thaj¹nka²
 will-begin-(3p) will-become-overgrown-again
 When the weeds begin to overgrow (the field) again,

nki^{2*3}hña²nki²rä²⁴ (pp) ?a⁴ ču⁴ba⁴ bä^{7*34}n¹2 ku^{24*4}ma³
 brush-its way that-just will-be-done
 one does that same thing.

24. nku²?ñu² t.huä³ ku⁴ma³rka³ (pp)
 quickly will-be-finished-(3p) will-become-cleaned
 It is quickly weeded.

25. ?a⁴ bä^{7*34} h¹ma³ ne^{34*4} kue⁴c¹?4^{2*424}
 that is-being-done , will-begin-(3p)
 While that is being done, it begins to produce the

ku^{2*4}ma³nta²t¹ (pp) kue⁴c¹?4^{2*424} ku^{2*4}ma³hyä^{7*34}
 will-produce-corn-flower will-begin-(3p) will-produce-small-ear
 corn flower; it begins to produce small ears;

kue⁴c¹?4^{2*424} ku^{2*4}ma³nč¹u³⁴t¹34 ?i¹ska³
 will-begin-(3p) will-produce-tender-ear even
 it begins to produce tender ears; even before we notice it,

ku⁴ma³ča²yaj¹214 nah⁴ n¹24*4št¹34 ne^{34*4}
 will-become-not-noticeable-to-us-(in) day ,
 the mature ears will begin to turn yellow.

kue⁴c¹?4^{2*424} ku^{2*4}ma³si³ne¹ nih^{14*4} 26. ?ya³ š¹
 will-begin-(3p) will-become-yellow mature-ear when ...
 When the

kue⁴c¹?4²⁴ ?ñu² ku^{24*4}ma³si³ne¹ nih^{14*4} ne^{14*4}
 will-begin-(3p) strong will-become-yellow mature-ear ,

mature ears would really begin to turn yellow,

sa³kua[?]3⁴ šku⁴sy¹⁴ š³ ta²ky² ne^{24*4} (pp) khue⁴
like custom which is , will-go-(3p)
 the custom was to go pick a few to make corn gruel.

ča[?]4¹⁴rä¹⁴ nku² š³tj² ku^{24*4}ma³nčah² (pp)
will-be-taken-away-(3p) one little-bit will-be-made-corn-gruel

27. ʔya³ š³i³ šku²n¹²bä²⁴ š³i³ ntah³¹ ʔyu¹
when... unripe-just-that when good drinkable
 When those are sill just unripe, (that's when) the corn gruel

nčah²rä²⁴ (pp) 28. tu⁴ñi[?]3 ta³ (pp) khue⁴sa³
corn-gruel-its as-soon-as... will-go-(3p)-more
 tastes real good. Later on, (the mature ears) would

ni⁴štj³⁴ ne^{34*4} khuä³ š³i^{34*4}
day will-be-finished-(3p) will-dry-(3p)
 all become dry.

29. tu⁴ñi[?]3 ta³ ka³hbä³ ka³š³i¹ ne^{14*4} (pp)
as-soon-as... was-finished-(3p) dried-(3p) ,
 As soon as it would all dry up,

kue⁴cj[?]4²⁴ ku^{124*4}nč¹²rä²⁴ mu³su³⁴ š³i³ khue^{34*4}
will-begin-(3p) will-be-looked-for hired-worker who will-go-(3p)
 one would begin to look for hired workers to go harvest.

khua⁴nka¹ (pp) 30. kui⁴nč¹²rä²⁴ na^{24*4}š³j² š³i^{2*3}
will-harvest-(3p) will-be-looked-for horse/mule which
 One would look for mules

kua^{24*4}nih⁴¹ ču^{14*4} 31. ʔi³skā¹⁴ š³i³ ti²ñā² ne^{24*4} (pp)
will-carry-(3p) animal where ... near ,
 to transport it. Where it was close,

sa⁴ʔmi¹ ču^{14*4} ho¹ nti^{14*4}ya² (pp) 32. ʔi³skā¹⁴ š³i³ khj²
makes-(3p) animal two time where ... far
 the animals would make two trips. Where it was far,

- ne^{24*4} nku² ni²ya²ni² (pp) 33. ?i³ska³ ši³ ku⁴ma³nki³šy¹
 , one time-just until will-become-night
 just one trip. They would barely be on their
- ne^{14*4} se²³⁴ bi³ntu³ba²rä²⁴ (pp) 34. tu⁴ni²³ ta³ ka³hbä³
 , barely is-coming-(3p) as-soon-as-as.... was-fin-
 way back at nightfall. As soon as one ished-(3p)
- ka³ci³näh³rä³⁴ ne^{34*4} (pp) ?a⁴kua²⁴ ka²ma²nku²ta²ky^{214*21}
 was-carried-(3p) , also became-relieved-we-(in)
 finished transporting it, one would be relieved,
- ta³ th¹² ka^{24*4}?ntä^{3*34} ne^{3*4} he¹mu¹ th¹² ču^{24*4} šta³nä³⁴
 for there-is place , very there-is animal pest
 because there are some places where there are a lot of pests.
35. mah³¹ bi^{1*3}yuh²ta²¹ hnu^{14*4} ši³ ba³thu³ ni⁴št¹³⁴
 cannot stay-(3p) corn-plant when passes-(3p) day
 The cornfield cannot just stay out there day after day.
36. tu⁴ni²³ ta³ ka³hbä³ ka³thu³nka¹⁴rä¹⁴ ne^{14*4} (pp)
 as-soon-as.... was-finished-(3p) was-harvested ,
 As soon as one finished harvesting,
- ?a⁴kua²⁴ ka²ma²nku²ta²ky²¹ (pp) 37. ?a⁴ne⁴ se^{23*34}
 also became-relieved-we-(in) and then
 one was relieved. And then
- kue¹⁴čə⁴² ni^{24*4}?nä⁴² nku² nja^{2*3}?nka^{24*34} ši³
 will-begin-we-in will-make-we-in one cornerib which
 one would begin to make a cornerib to store it in,
- ši⁴nča¹ (pp) sa³ ši³ cəh² ta³ kh¹ma¹ (pp)
 will-be-put-in-(3p) if is-seen-(3p) that much is
 if it looks like there is a lot.
38. sa³ ši³ ?ə⁴ky¹⁴ kh¹ ne^{14*4} (pp) ?a⁴ nta²sa¹
 if not much , although
 If it is not a lot, then even though it is
- ka^{14*4}?ncua^{14*4} nt¹³?ya³⁴ni² ku^{24*4}ma³ntah³¹ ka^{14*4}?ntä³⁴rä³⁴
 inside house-just can-be-fixed-up place-its
 just inside the house, one can fix up a place for it,

ne^{34**} (pp) nkəh²ni² ʃi^{2*3}nča²ntah²¹ (pp) 39. ʔya³ ʃi³
 , there-just is-put-away-(3p) when....
 and store it right there. When one

ka³hbä³ ka³ʃi³nča²ntah²¹ ne^{14**} ka²ma²nku²ta²ky²¹ (pp)
 was-finished was-put-away-(3p) , became-relieved-we-(in)
 finishes storing it away, one would be relieved.

40. sa³ ʃi³ čhə^{ʔ31}nka¹ nku² ʃa² ni^{24**}ʔña⁴² ne^{24**}
 if take-we-(in)-again one work will-do-we-(in) ,
 If one takes up another job, one does it some other day.

(pp) pe⁴ru⁴ ʔa⁴nku² ni²ʃt^{l2} bə^{ʔ24**34} 41. nta³stu¹⁴ ʃi³
 but another day that at-least which
 At least the

meh³¹ ʃa¹ti² ne^{24**} ka²hne²ta^{ʔ2} (pp) 42. kua⁴thj²
 is-needed fast , ended-(3p) like-that
 important thing is done. That is

ka^{2*3}ntu^{2*3}ba² ni^{24**}ʃt^{l34} bə^{ʔ34}
 came-(3p) day that
 what those days were like.

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NOTES

1

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2

Numbers preceded by 'A' refer to cognate sets in Kirk (1966).

3

Cluster /¹¹⁴/ is not included in this discussion because it occurs only rarely and in a complicated environment.

4

Numbers precede by 'S' refer to sentences in the text appended to this paper.

5

According to Tone Sandhi Rule 5, this word should have tone pattern ^{34:34:34}.