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#### **Foreword**

Folk music is more than just a collection of tunes; it is a window into the soul of a people. It tells tales of love and loss, triumphs and tragedies, and the everyday joys and struggles of life. It is a celebration of our shared humanity and a reminder of the rich tapestry of our collective heritage.

The songbook, Ka Sohlyngngem is an extensive innovative work which truly deserves recognition and appreciation. Many folk songs have been passed down orally from generation to generation. Keeping this tradition alive involves actively teaching songs to younger members of the community and encouraging them to continue the practice. The songbook will not only cater to music lovers but it will also serve as valuable resources for students and researchers studying musicology, folklore, cultural studies, and related disciplines.

So, let your voices ring out, your feet tap in time, and your spirits soar as you journey through this treasury of folk music. For in these songs, you will find not only melodies to sing, but stories to tell, memories to cherish, and the timeless magic of music to uplift your soul.

Ms Silbi Passah Padma Shri Awardee Founder, Institute of Khasi Jaiñtia Folk Songs and Traditional Musical Instruments

#### **Preface**

Powell Shullai in his book, *Ngi Rwai Lang Bad Phi* or *We Will Sing Along*, mentioned how performing artistes were praised and appreciated, but songwriters were overlooked. The purpose of this endeavor is to conserve, promote, and publish works of eminent composers from the Khasi community. The works of the late H Teslet Pariat is an important and worthy cause - not just to identify, learn and remember his songs, but also to understand them on a technical level. Teslet Pariat contributed significantly to the tribal music culture of Khasi society.

Many eminent composers from the Khasi community, including Teslet, wrote songs without musical notation, and sung from memory; leaving these songs at risk of being lost or forgotten with time, inaccessible to audiences forever. There were only a handful of the olden day composers who were able to release their songs in cassette albums. A few Khasi composers such as Chosterfield Khongwir, Victor G Bareh, E Brektis, and R Wanswett notated and published their compositions in songbooks.

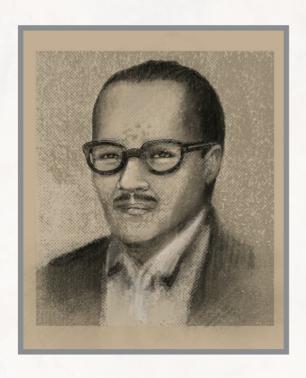
The researchers have translated ten selected songs into English. The purpose of translating is to spread the message of these songs to non-Khasi listeners. The translation was a challenge, in that the original meanings along with the melodic and rhythmic structures needed to be maintained.

As you explore this songbook, we invite you to not only appreciate the melodies, but also to delve into the stories behind them. Many of these songs carry layers of history, folklore, and meaning. Whether you are a seasoned folk enthusiast or a newcomer to this musical tradition, we hope these songs resonate with you and inspire a deeper connection to the human experience.

This songbook comprises of ten songs composed by Pariat, notated and arranged in Western staff and tonic sol-fa by Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh. The accompaniment was performed by Tyngshaiñlibor L Mawphlang; with vocals by him and Amabel Susngi. The original Khasi song lyrics with their English translations have also been provided. Audio recordings of these songs have been included in this songbook by QR codes.

The authors have provided basic performance directions and assigned rhythmic patterns for *ka ksing* and *ka duitara* and other traditional Khasi musical instruments.

Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh Tyngshaiñlibor L Mawphlang Amabel Susngi



Hamanik Teslet Pariat
Photo from the songbook
Ngin Rwai Lang Bad Phi or We Will Sing Along
Portrait sketch: Leonard Syiemlieh
Touch-up: Careen Joplin Langstieh

#### **Biography of H Teslet Pariat**

Hamanik Teslet Pariat or H Teslet Pariat, commonly known as 'Bah Ted', was born on January 10, 1926, to Print Pariat and Hamanik Syiem. Bah Ted was born and raised in Wahingdoh, Shillong. The majority of his musician friends were from Mawkhar, Jaiaw, and the surrounding localities. His siblings were Jeslet, Keslet, Shulet Pariat. Bah Ted was the third sibling in the family. He was married to Rose Mary Malngiang, with whom he had three children. Unfortunately, he died at a young age, leaving behind his music and his loved ones on November 4, 1972.

He composed 43 Khasi songs which are featured in two songbooks: 36 are in *Ka Pliang Rupa* or The Silver Plate published by L Gilbert Shullai in 1979; and 42 songs in *Ngin Rwai Lang Bad Phi* or *We Will Sing Along*, compiled and published by Powell Shullai on December 1, 1998.

In a discussion with musician friends and contemporaries, Bah Ted shared that he would first write the lyrics, and then compose the tune by whistling. It is said that Bah Ted was a quiet, humble person, a gentleman who treated everyone equally. Bah Ted's relatives said that when he went to sleep at night, he kept a pencil and a piece of paper nearby because songs came to him in the middle of the night.

Bah Ted also wrote short dramas and skits which were broadcast through All India Radio (AIR), Shillong. The most popular drama he wrote was *Ka Pahsyntiew* based on the popular folk tale of a woman of the same name. Soon, Bah Ted was recognized as a composer by AIR, Shillong and became the first Khasi composer to sign a contract with AIR through the Omnibus Royalty Contract in 1952.

Back then, his songs were usually sung to accompany various plays known as *ïalehkai thiatar* or 'theatre plays', organized by the Khasi Students' Association. One of his contemporaries called him, *U briew jong ki jingrwai* or "A man of songs". Bah Ted was a judge at various singing competitions organized by the Khasi Students' Association, the All-Assam Inter-College Music Competition, and so on.

Bah Ted's compositions were sung by various solo artistes. Some of these singers were Helen Giri, J Kersing Tariang, Welsingh Tariang, Silbi Passah, Itymon Warbah, Elphidia Pariat, Heliorin Marbaniang, Bettymon Warbah, Bevan L Swer, Khain Manik Roy, Arnice Swer, Leomon Warbah. On occasion, Bah Ted would accompany the group as a guitarist along with Kermington Dympep and Shemphang Nalle on the Hawaiian guitar or lap steel guitar.

From his many compositions, *Kshaid Nohkalikai*, *Ka Sohlyngngem*, *Pyrthei Ba Ïai Kylla Rong* and *Ma Nga Khlem Ma Phi* are regarded as his masterpieces. Most of his songs were accompanied by the guitar, violin, *ka ksing*, *ka bom*, and other traditional Khasi musical instruments, and occasionally, the flute. Today, the only song which is still sung and well-known is *Ka Sohlyngngem*, performed by various solo artistes and groups.

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#### Ka Sohlyngngem

(The Sohlyngngem)

Ka Sohlyngngem ka thei bhabriew (The Sohlyngngem, a beauty queen) Ka pang mynsiem ha lawei briew (Whose heart is but a broken one) Jingmut ba her ha jingphohsniew (Her thoughts linger, just like a dream) I'u sim rynñiaw ka ri Dymmiew. (For Rynñiaw bird, of shady place)

Ki 'tien 'sai-ïong ki 'tien 'sai-saw (With one accord, they share their love) Harud ki kshaid ba pynkynmaw (Beside the falls, they still recall) Hapdeng jingkmen jingphuh samrkhie (Amidst the joy and cheerfulness) Ha wahduid jingieid pat ki kie. (They vanish in the stream of love)

I mei I pa ïa u kim suk (Her mom and dad refuse Rynñiaw) Ki mon poikha para ba duk (They wish she wed a poor young lad) U sim rynñiaw u khun binong (The Rynñiaw bird, a high-class lad) U pait dohnud kumno un ong. (It broke his heart to hear the news)

Te soit u siang la ki sner diar (He stretches his wings and soars away)

Jar jar ki tuid ki ummat ksiar (Their eyes filled with silent tears)

Watla jingieid hi ka la biang (Although their love has fully grown)

Ka thut jingmut ka ring 'sai syiang (And yet disturbed and broke their love)

Ïa ka u doh u kdup u dait (He kiss and hug and cuddle tight)
Te slem ïa ka um lah pyllait (For long he held but can't depart)
Ka ruh da la mynsiem ba sliang (With deepest heart and eagerness)
Ka doh khatduh da mat kyllaing. (She bid farewell and kiss goodbye)

Ka sohlyngngem marwei ka ud (Oh, Sohlyngngem, alone she mourns) I'u sim rynñiaw ka khot pangnud (Rynñiaw, she cried with heavy heart) Shapoh law bah sieng Tiewpathai (The distant fragrance in the woods) Ka kut te aïom shad bad rwai. (The joyous moment sadly ends)

Hu hu hu hu marwei ka ud (Hu Hu Hu Hu alone she mourn) Hu hu hu hu ka ïam pangnud (Hu Hu Hu Hu a painful wept) Ha law sangem shong ri bajem (In hidden place all by herself) Marwei ka ud Ka Sohlyngngem. (Alone she mourns, The Sohlyngngem)

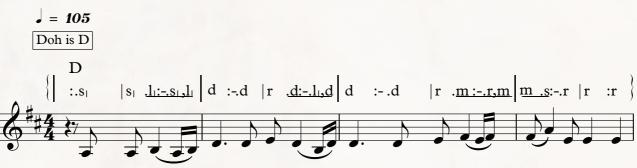
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# Ka Sohlyngngem

#### H. Teslet Pariat H. Teslet Pariat

Skit: Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

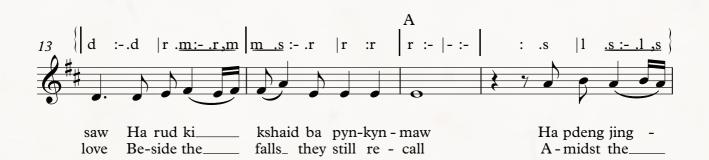
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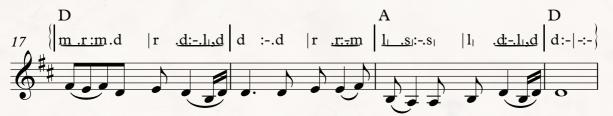


Ka Soh lyng - ngem ka thei bha\_briew Ka pang myn - siem ha la wei Ka(The)Soh lyng - ngem a beau ty\_queen Who's heart is\_but\_ a bro ken









kmen\_jing-phuh sam - rkhie Ha wah duid jing-ieit pat ki\_\_\_ kie\_\_ joy\_\_and cheer ful - ness They va- nish in\_\_ the stream of\_\_\_ love







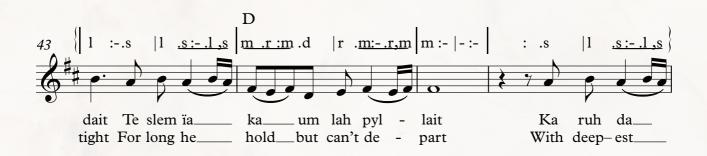
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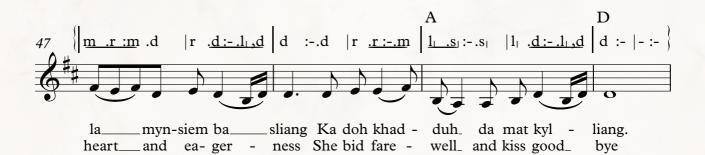


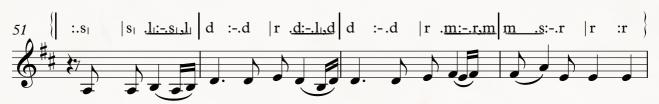
Te soit u\_\_\_\_siang la ki sner\_\_diar Jar jar ki\_\_\_ tuid ki um mat He stret ches his wings and soars a - way Their eyes are\_\_ filled with si-lent











Ka(The)Soh lyng - ngem a - lone she\_mourns Ryn-ñiaw she\_

cried\_with hea - vy





#### **Performance Directions**

Performers are advised to perform in a sorrowful tone/manner. The music dynamics have been intentionally left unmentioned so as to give liberty to the interpretation of other performers. Only a few *kyriah* or vocal slurs have been purposely notated in order provide room for improvisation and creativity of performers.

**Note:** Singers who perform the English version can also sing as "Ka Sohlyngngem" instead of "The Sohlyngngem" and "U Rynńiaw" instead of "The Rynńiaw".

**Tempo:**  $\checkmark$  = 105 bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 100 – 110 bpm)

Skit (Rhythmic pattern): Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

Music Arrangements & Music Accompaniment: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

Instruments used: Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka dymphong, ka kynshaw and guitar

Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Audio Engineering (Mixing and Mastering): Ribor MB Kharshiïng



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#### Ha Jingitynnad Ka Mariang

(In the Beauty of Nature)

Ha ba bneng ka sngur, khlur ki phyrnai (When the sky is clear, stars shining bright)
La synñia nga ïohsngew sur jingrwai (Midnight has arrived, I hear the tune)
'Lur Mangkara nang ap phira ('Lur Mangkara my guardian light)
'Lur shai lynti un lam ïa nga, (Bright star will lead me on my way)

Ryngkat ki sim bneng bad 'ñiang kynjah (Along with the birds and creatures of night)
Haba nga tmang ki wan kynoi thiah (Lullaby they sing in loneliness)
Ka sngi, u bnai, aiom ksiar rupa (The sun, the moon, joyful moments shared)
Baroh long ki jong phi jong nga (And all of them are mine and yours)

Jingitynnad jong ka mariang (Oh! Beautiful the nat'ral scene) 'Tiew bunrong jingiwbih ki phriang (Flowers of scent and hue they bloom) Baroh sawdong kat sha ba phai (In every nook, where e're you gazed) Nadong shadong tang ba kynsai. (All things are great, precious and worth)

Ïa pyrthei balei pat ngan kwah brai (Why should I long for the worldly things?)
Ban pynthud jingmut lade khlem wai (To distract my mind for all the time)
Bad shu jyrwit ki jingphohsniew (With awful dreams all through the night)
Bad shu tympang ha la wei briew (Regretful thoughts that crept one's soul)

## Ha Jingitynnad Ka Mariang

(In The Beauty of Nature)

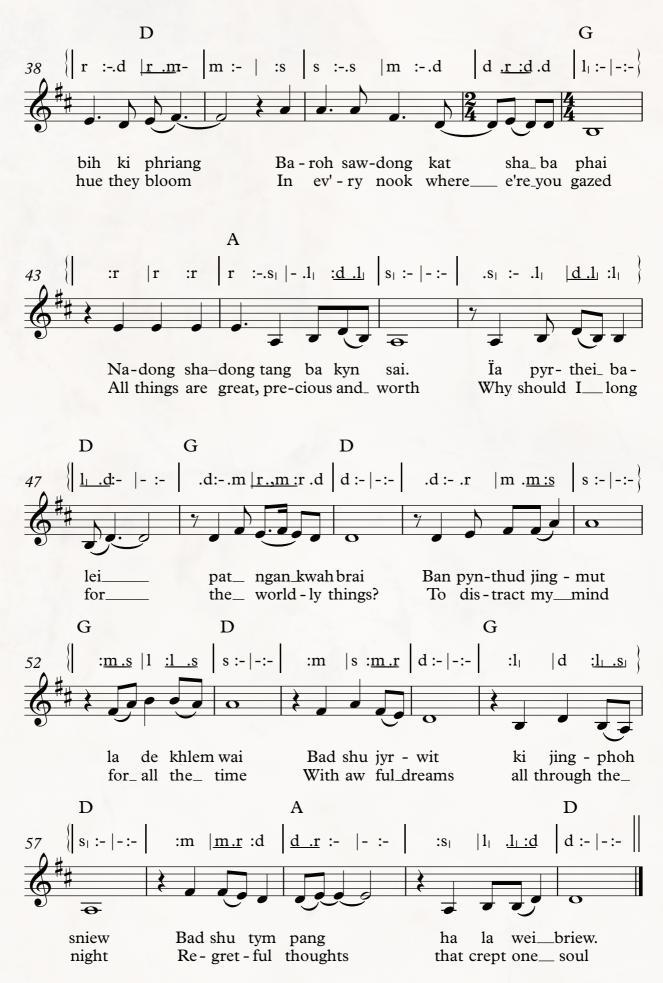
#### H. Teslet Pariat H. Teslet Pariat

Skit: Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

**English Lyrics: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh** 







#### **Performance Directions**

Performers are advised to perform in a calm, joyful tone/manner. The music dynamics have been intentionally left unmentioned so as to give liberty to the interpretation of the performers. Only a few *kyriah* were purposely notated in order provide room for improvisation and creativity of the performers.

Skit: Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

Music Arrangements and Accompaniments: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

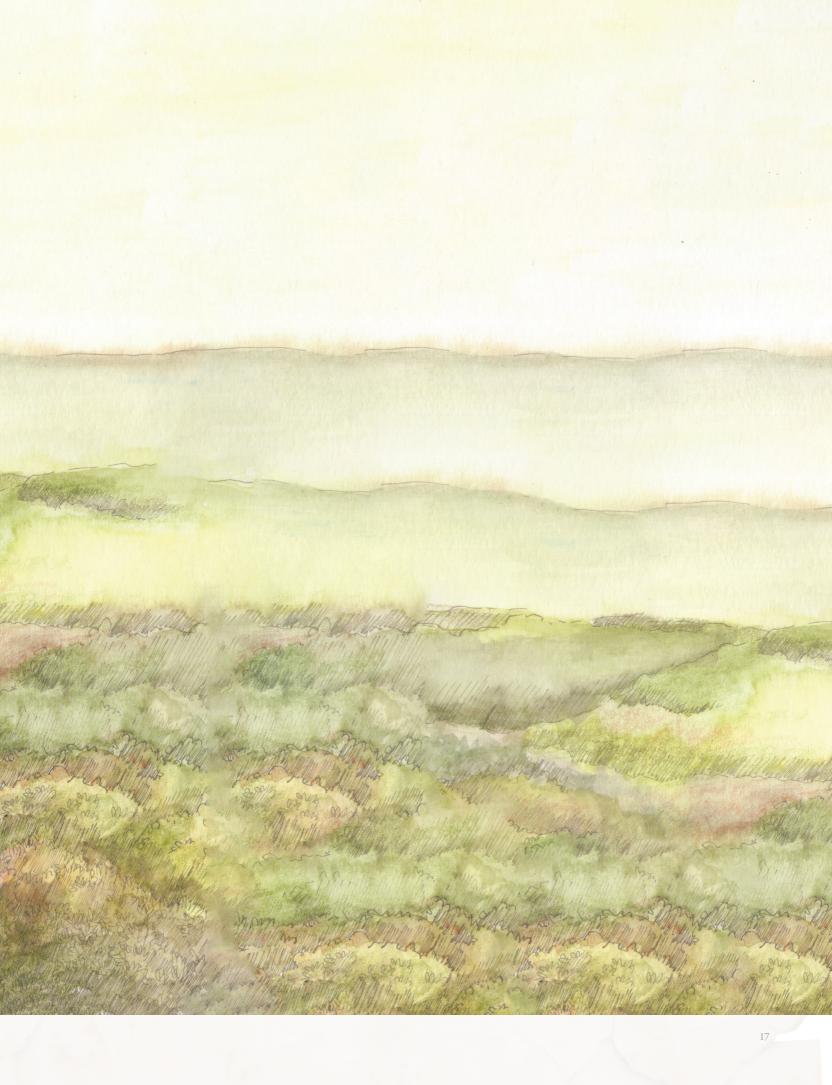
Instruments used: Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka dymphong, ka kynshaw and guitar

Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Audio Engineering (Mixing and Mastering): Ribor MB Kharshiïng







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#### Tiew Lyngksiar

(Lyngksiar Flower)

Sha 'law bah 'law pyngngad (In dense breezy cool woods)

I'a phi nga ïai wad (I'm seeking for you)

Kyrteng ba phriang sawdong (A famed name that roll out)

'Tiew Lyngksiar haei phi don? ('Tiew Lyngksiar, where have you been?)

Shaduh ri ki dymmiew (I'll go down the valley)
Ngan ngam tang wei briew (I'll plunge on my own)
Tang ïaphi ba ngan shem (To seek for your presence)
Ban sien ha la kut shadem (Forever you'll dwell in me)

Balei phi buhrieh ïa lade? (Why did you hide yourself from me?)
Tang ha iwbih phi pynthame (You mesmerize me with your scent)
Ne don jaka ba phi la thmu? (Or have you other place to be?)
Ban kheit ïa phi kan eh aïu. (My steady trawl shall win your heart)

Ïathuh A! 'Tiew Lyngksiar (Oh! Tell me 'Tiew Lyngksiar)

Tang ha nga jar jar (Secretly to me)

Katba iwbih suhsieng (As long as the scent lasts)

Ngan bud khlem jingphai dien. (No turning back, I'll chase)

### Tiew Lyngksiar

(Lyngksiar Flower)

#### H. Teslet Pariat H. Teslet Pariat

Skit: Ka Ksing Lumpaid & Ka Lai Shnok English Lyrics: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh







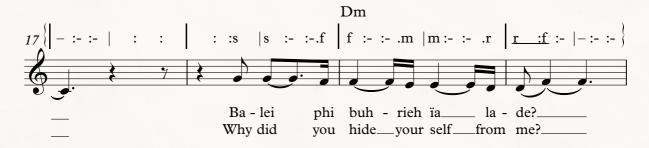
Kyr - teng ba phriang saw - dong\_\_\_\_ 'Tiew Lyng - ksiar ha ei\_\_\_ phi don\_\_ A famed name that roll out\_\_\_\_ 'Tiew Lyng - ksiar where have you been?

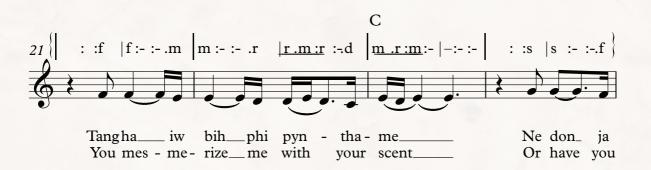


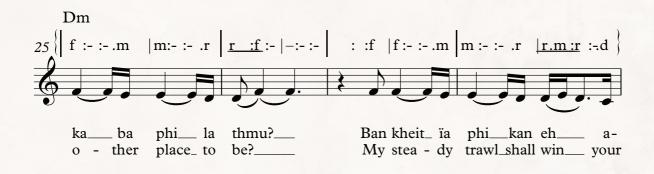
Sha-duh ri ki dym - miew\_\_\_\_ Ngan ngam tang wei briew\_\_\_\_ I'll go down the val - ley\_\_\_\_ I'll plunge on my own\_\_\_\_\_



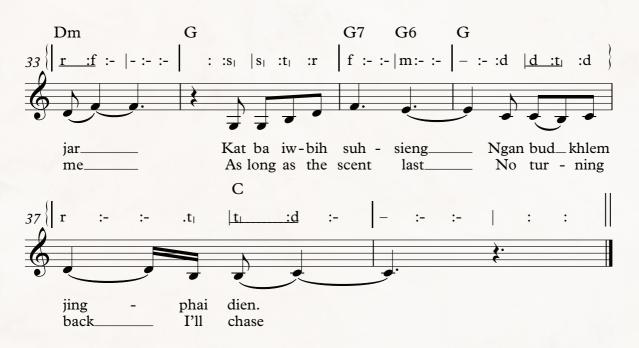
Tang ïa phi ba ngan shem\_\_\_\_ Ban sien ha la kut\_\_\_ sha dem.\_\_ To seek for your pre - sence\_\_\_\_ For -e - ver you'll dwell\_ in me\_\_\_\_













#### **Performance Directions**

Performers are advised to perform in a waltz-like manner/tone. The music dynamics have been intentionally left unmentioned so as to give liberty to the interpretation of other performers. Only a few *kyriah* have been purposely notated in order to provide room for improvisation and creativity of performers.

**Note:** In this song two different skits were used. The membrane instruments of drums were played based on *ka ksing lumpaid*, whereas *ka duitara* was played based on another rhythmic pattern i.e. *ka lai shnok*. Such arrangements can be done because of the fact that *ka ksing lumpaid* follows a 6/8 time and *ka lai shnok* follows a 3/4 time.

**Tempo:** →=120 bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 115 – 125 bpm)

Skit for ksing: Ka Ksing Lumpaid Skit for duitara: Ka Lai Shnok

Music Arrangements and Music Accompaniment: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

Instruments used: Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka dymphong, ka kynshaw and guitar

Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Audio Engineering (Mixing and Mastering): Ribor MB Kharshiïng



#### 4

#### Kshaid Nohkalikai

(Nohkalikai Falls)

'Shaid Nohkalikai, 'shaid Nohkalikai, (Nohkalikai falls, Nohkalikai falls,)
Nalor ki maw-ram song shaduh ki lhuh pha noh rymphai,
(Oh! From the highest boulders, to the deepest chasm you plunge,)
'Shaid Nohkalikai, 'shaid Nohkalikai, (Nohkalikai falls, Nohkalikai falls,)
Nalor ki mawramsong shaduh ki lhuh pha noh rymphai.
(Oh! From the highest boulders, to the deepest chasm you plunge.)

La ha tlang ne lyiur, pyrem ne synrai (Come winter or summer, come spring or autumn)

La ha mied ne ha shai, pha shu ïai phyrnai

(Be it night or by day, you shimmer and shine)

'Shaid Nohkalikai, kumno ngan batai? (How may I describe? O! Nohkalikai)

Pha noh shu phum-rymphum khlem don ka jingsngewsih ne khuslai

(So effortlessly you fall without a trouble or sorrow)

'Shaid Nohkalikai, 'shaid Nohkalikai, (Nohkalikai falls, Nohkalikai falls) Nalor ki maw-ram song shaduh ki lhuh pha noh rymphai, (Oh! From the highest boulders, to the deepest chasm you plunge.)

Pakha slew sdien lade, kadiang kamon kaweh
(The palm leaves hanging low from left to right they sway)
Lyer batemon-batesi na pha ki beh; (The gust of zephyr and gentle breeze you blow;)
Kylleng ka ri ki her ki phriang, (Surround the land their waft they blow,)

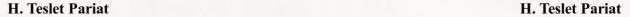
Ïa pha ban peit marwei mynsiem ka sliang. (To gaze at you my longing heart it yearns.)

Ko kshaid A! ko kshaid Nohkalikai, (Oh falls! Ah! You Nohkalikai falls,)
B'la jer u kulong kumah naduh hyndai (As named by our ancestor from days of yore)
Ha rong ki puriskam paw ka dur jong pha,
(In lore of our legends, your name is engraved,)
Ban kieng ki sur jingrwai, ha wah duid ki jongpha shi-rta
(The chant of songs and tunes, of your streamlets flows forever.)

'Shaid Nohkalikai, 'shaid Nohkalikai, (Nohkalikai falls, Nohkalikai falls,) Nalor ki maw-ram song shaduh ki lhuh pha noh rymphai, (Oh! From the highest boulders, to the deepest chasm you plunge).

#### Kshaid Noh Kalikai

(Noh Kalikai Falls)



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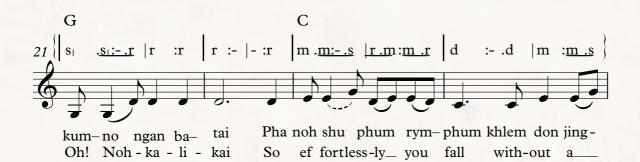
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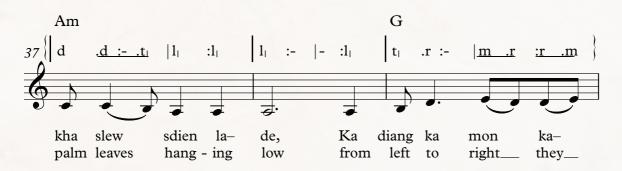
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#### **Performance Directions**

Performers are advised to perform in a sorrowful manner/tone. The music dynamics have been intentionally left unmentioned so as to give liberty to the interpretation of the performers. Only a few *kyriah* have been purposely notated in order provide room for improvisation and creativity of the performers.

**Tempo**:  $\checkmark$  = 110 bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 105 – 115 bpm).

Skit: Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

Music Arrangements and Music Accompaniment: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

**Instruments used**: *Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka dymphong, ka kynshaw, ka shakuriaw,* and guitar

Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Audio Engineering (Mixing and Mastering): Ribor MB Kharshiïng



# 5 **Por Synrai**(Autumn Season)

Ko por synrai, synrai ha ri Sohra, (Autumn my dear, autumn in Sohra land)
Por ba dap shlei, tang jingsngewbha suda (Moments of joy, and contentment surrounds)
Mynsiem ka thrang ban im hangta (My heart and soul Oh! wish to live)
Ha jinglong palei bad jingshida (In peacefulness and Oh! trouble-free)

Ban sngap ki sur jingrwai ki ñiangKongwieng
(To hear the tunes, the gentle beetles sound)
Shalymmen barieh tngen ha ki dieng (The lil' creatures hiding on the trees)
Bad tiew pathai iwbih matïong (Sweet scented flo'er on every side)
Suhsieng iwbih ha man la I dong (In ev'ry place the sweet fragrance smell)

Synrop/refrain: Shano ba shong u shersyngkai bamon
(In places where the tiny fishes dwell)
Shata ngin her la ki tynsong (Fishnet all set forward we'll push)
Sha ki lum da jingrisa kynhoi (To the hills with shouts of joy and chants)
Ryngkat bad lyer sien ki saw samoi (Amid the breeze the four seasons give)

Balei phi kwah ban khlad tang khyndiat por (Autumn my dear, why why depart too soon)

Tang ummat kthang jingkhublei shu pyntlor

(The mournful tears and last farewell my dear)

Ale to shong hangne shyrta (Oh! Come and stay for evermore)

Ko por synrai, synrai ha ri Sohra (Oh! Dear autumn, autumn in Sohra land)

# Por Synrai

(Autumn Season)

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Skit: Ka Dum Dum Lyngngai

**English Lyrics: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh** 









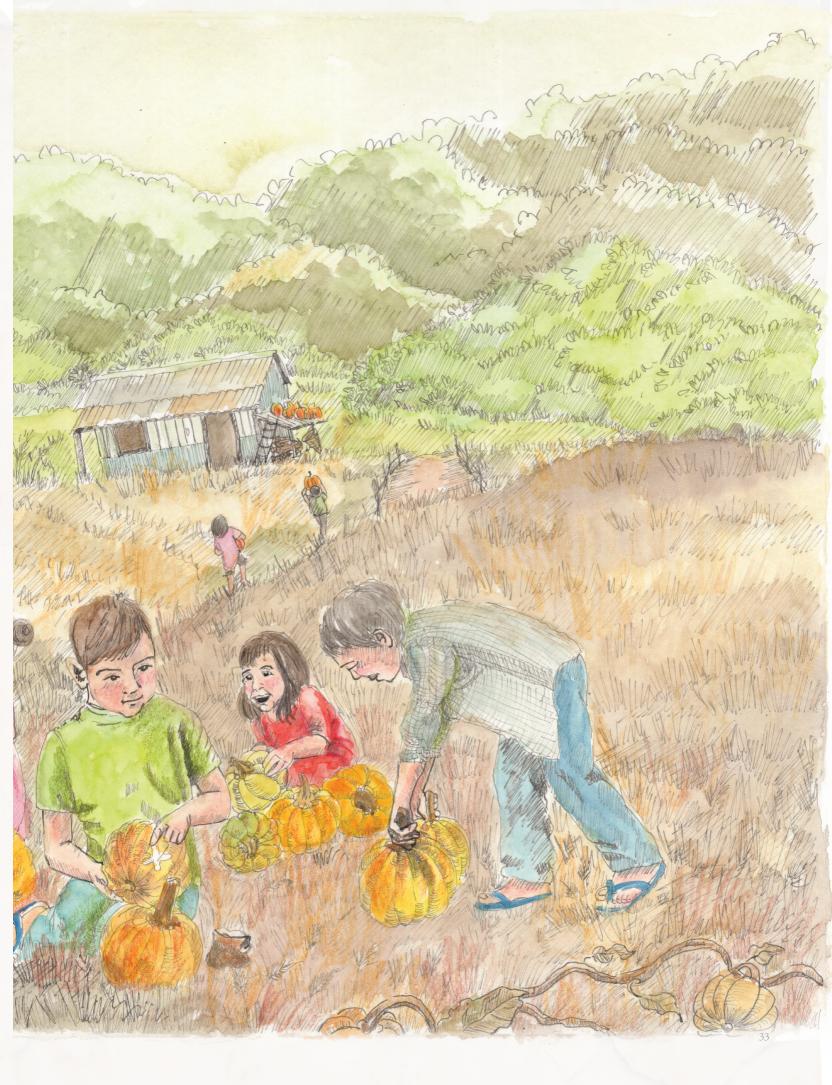
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**Music Arrangements & Music Accompaniment**: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh **Vocals:** Amabel Susngi

**Instruments used:** *Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka kynshaw,* and guitar **Audio Recording:** Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh







# 6 **Pyrthei Ba Ïai Kylla Rong**(Unsteady World)

Teng-teng ka shai, teng-teng ka shit (Sometimes it's clear, sometimes it's bright)
Bunsien pat tang, jingdum ïong-ngit (Time after time, gloomy it was)
Teng-teng u slap, bunsien u lyoh (Sometimes the rain, always the cloud)
Kham bunsien te tang jinglyngngoh (Most of the time just misery)

Teng-teng ki soh, bunsien syntiew (Sometimes the fruits, mostly the flowers) Ki wan ryngkat bad jingphohsniew (They come along all in a dream) Kham bunsien pat kjat sngi ba syaid (Most of the time sun rays appear) Ïa jinglong-briew ki pynbuaid (Baffle the thoughts time and again)

Wat la ngan jngi sha bun syrtap (E'en as I chase across the world)
Jingsuk shisha ngam lah ban lap (Serenity I can't achieve)
Shano ngan her ngam don thapñiang (Where will I soar without my wings?)
Ïa aïom ksiar mynsiem ka sliang (Moments of joy Oh! I long for)

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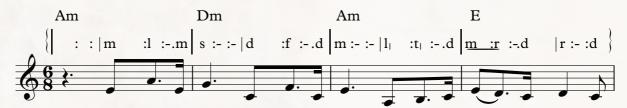
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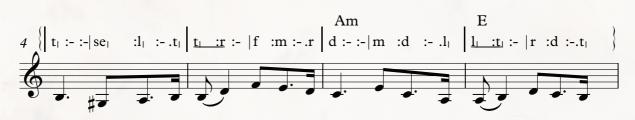
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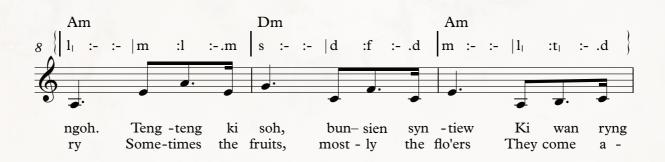
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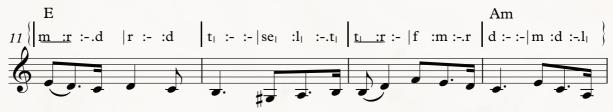


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kat bad jing- phoh- sniew Kham bun- sien pat kjat sngi ba syaid ïa jing long long all in a dream Most of the time sun rays ap pear Baf fle the





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**Tempo:**  $\rightarrow$  = 100bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 95 – 105 bpm).

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Music Arrangements: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

Music Accompaniment: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh, (Keyboard by

Tyngshainlibor L. Mawphlang)

Instruments used: Ka duitara, ka bom, ka ksing shynrang, ka kynshaw, keyboard, and guitar.

Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh



## 7 **Ma Nga Khlem Ma Phi**

(Me Without You)

'Er iwbih thiang ba beh pyngngad (Refreshing breeze that gently drift)
Ha nga kloi kloi ki blad; (Fading away too soon)
Ki long pynban kum 'langthari, (Like whirling winds you turn to be)
Ba tang nga khlem maphi. (Lonesome me without you)

Ki umjer ksiar shat mawlynnai (The dew drops glim'ring diamonds)
Dang step ngir ki phyrnai; (Glittering early dawn)
Tang shipor pat sha rngai ki jngi (They fade away in fantasy)
Kum ma nga khlem maphi. (Lonesome me without you)

Synrop/refrain: Sawdong pyrthei jingsngewbha ki ker (Leisure prevails all around the world)
Khlem maphi jingim ïa nga ka per; (Without you my life is such a bore)
Jingmut ka ngam tang ha thwei ki rngai, (All thoughts of mine are now but a dream)
Khlem maphi jingim kam long janai. (Without you my life is incomplete)

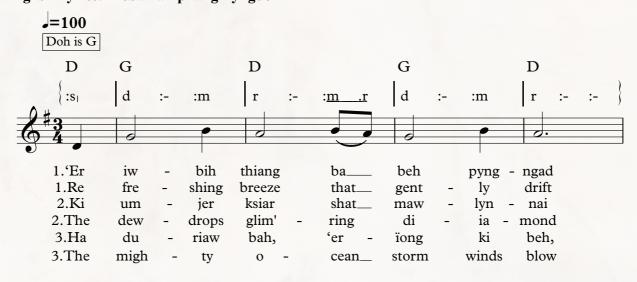
Ha duriaw bah, 'erïong ki beh, (The mighty ocean storm winds blow)
Bad dew ïai pynkyndeh; (Pounding my anxious soul)
L'i lieng kynda khlem u maji (A sailing boat without a sail)
Ba kum nga khlem maphi. (Lonesome me without you)

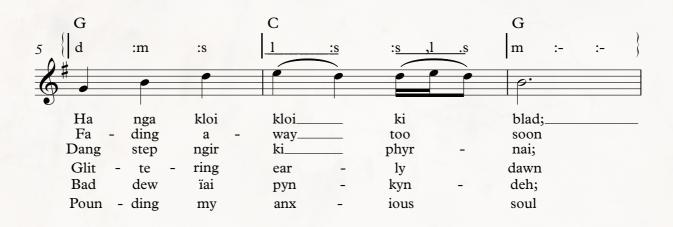
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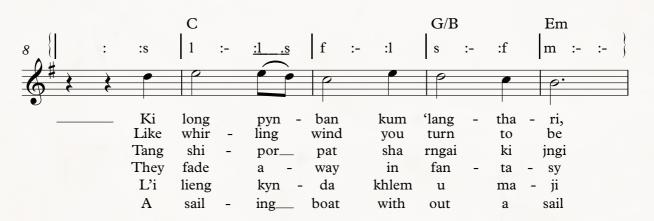
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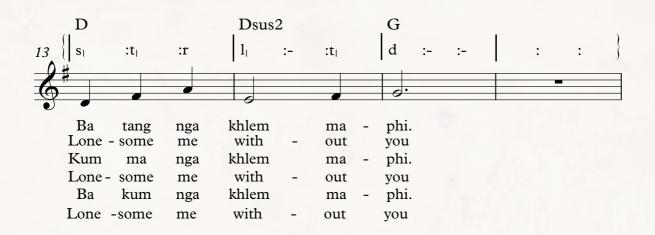
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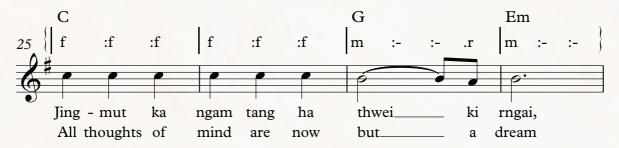


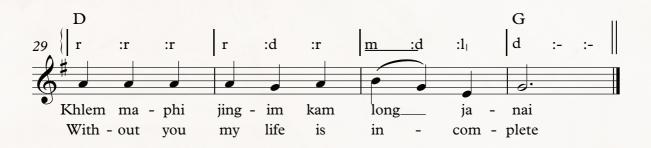


## Synrop (Refrain):











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**Tempo:**  $\downarrow$  = 100bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 95 – 105 bpm).

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Skit duitara: Ka Lumpaid and Ka Lai Shnok

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## To Wan Phai

(Please Come Back)

Sa tang ha jingphohsniew (It's only in my dreams)
Ngan ïohi pat ïa phi (I shall see you again)
Ki sngi bathiang ki thung thapñiang (Those happy days that spread their wings)
Na nga ki her kylleng ki phriang. (Straight from the heart all over soars)

Jingrwai khlem sur jong phi, (Your tuneless songs you sang) Ki pynkynmaw pat ïa nga; (Reminds me of you again) Ïa por b'la leit por bakordor (Those precious moments in the past) Por ïa jingim ba ngan kheiñ kor. (Those precious moments of my life)

Hangno ngan pynshongneh? (To whom I'll put my trust?)
Bad ïa jingieid ban theh; (And grant my precious love)
Ïano ngan ong pat i jongnga? (To whom I'll utter, you were mine?)
Hawei da lei-lei ngan ym phla. (There's none to share my acts of love)

Tang shi kyntien ka biang (A word more than enough)
Jubab ïa dohnud ba sliang (To answer an eager heart)
Lano sha nga pat phin wan phai (When will you come back to me, love?)
Ba ummat kin kylla long mawlynnai (To alter the sorrow to tears of joy)

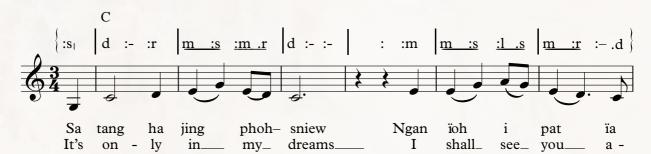
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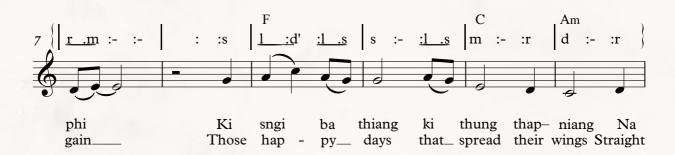
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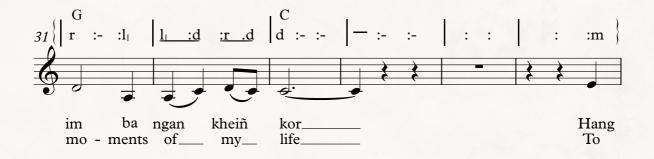








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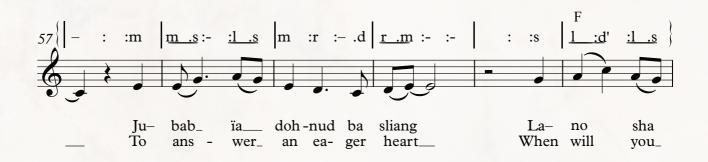


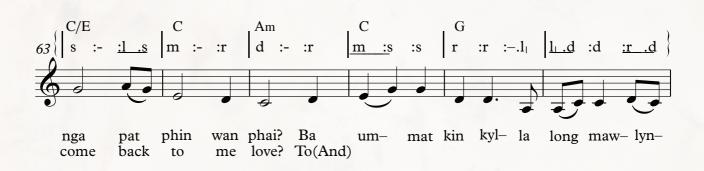




theh\_\_\_ Ïa no ngan ong pat I jong nga, Ha- wei da- lei- lei love\_\_\_ Towhom I'll\_ ut - ter, you were mine? There's noneto share my\_









al -ter the sor-row to tears\_ of joy



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**Tempo:** J = 100bpm. (Performers can also sing in between 95 – 105 bpm).

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9 **Janmiet** (Evening)

Sim da thapñiang ki phai sha trep (Birds on their wings flying back home) Bad sngi bathiang ka sdang ban sep (Bright sunny sun lay down to rest) Na ri dymmiew wan poi ka por (From shady place, time now arrives) Ka por janmiet ba nga kheiñ kor (Oh! Evening time; my precious time)

Por ba deng pansngiat ksiar saw samoi (Beautiful moments crowned all year long)
Jingieit jingkynmaw pynkyrsoi (Reminiscing constantly creep)
Ha ka ki dap tang sur jingrwai (Sweet melodies that overflowed)
Jingmut samla ba pynjanai (Perfectly blend young eager minds)

Ki jingdoh kjat sngi bajem shat phyrnai (Softly embraced by the flash in the dusk)
Juban ba thiang shata pat ban wan phai (Sweet promises lead the way to return)
Bad 'tiew bun rong ba phriang khlem jingtyngkai
(Colourful blossom sprout with no regrets)
Ki sien iwbih ha ka da rong kynsai (Sweet fragrance scent in her, evening so pleased)

Ïa por janmiet kumno ngan ngiah (Oh! Evening time I'll nev'r get bored) Jingmut kyrsiew shata ka kwah (Eagerness thoughts longing for you) Sha kiwei pat ki por ban khmied (None can replace moments like yours) Ka mon ka dem tang por janmiet. (Oh! Evening time, it's only you)

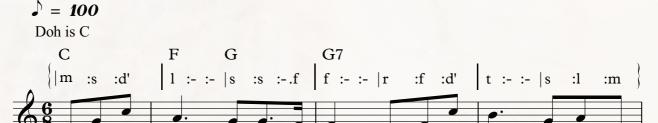
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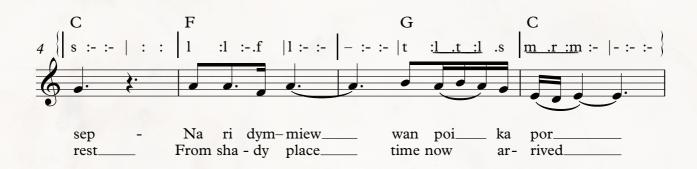
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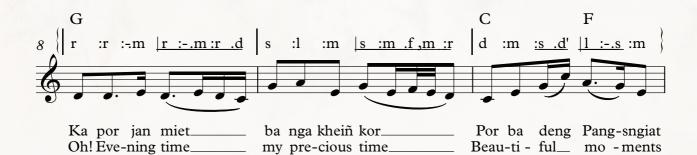
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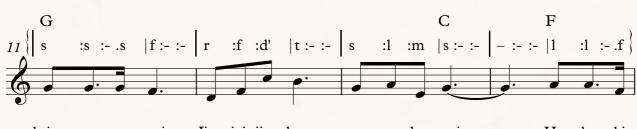
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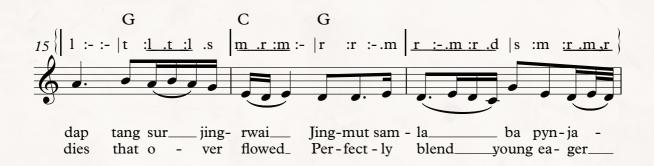






ksiar saw sa - moi Jing-ieit jing crowned all year long Re - mi-nis

Jing-ieit jing-kyn - maw pyn-kyr- soi\_\_\_\_\_ Re - mi-nis-cing con-stant-ly creep Ha ka ki Sweet me - lo-



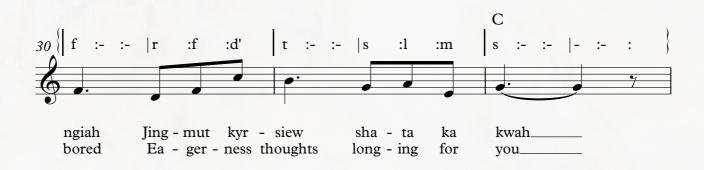






Bad 'tiew bun rong ba phriangkhlem jing-tyng-kai Ki sien iw - bih ha ka Co-lour-ful blos-som sprout with no re-grets Sweet fra-grance scent in her,











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**Tempo:**  $\int = 100$  bpm (Performers can also sing in between 95 – 105 bpm).

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# 10 **Thiah Suk**(Good Night)

Khublei thiah suk (Goodnight, sweet dreams)
Phohsniew ïa nga tang kawei ka jingmut (Remember me with one intend in mind)
Ngin sa ïashem pat ha kawei ka sngi (We will meet again on some other day)
Ma nga bad phi tang ar ngut hi (The two of us, just you and I.)

Hangta baroh ngan sa phla lut (My love for you I'll vow it all;)

Jingieit na sdang ha kut; (The purest love I've kept)

Jingieit ba shisha ba nga la tyngkai (The love Oh! the love I've treasured for you)

Tang maphi ba lah pynjanai. (It's only you to consummate)

Khublei thiah suk, thiah suk lyngngai (Goodnight sweet dreams, a peaceful night) 'Nai khadsaw synñia ha phi un shai (Bright full moon my dear, on you will light) Khublei thiah suk, lyngngai thiah suk (Goodnight sweet dreams, a peaceful night) Khlur rupa ruh tang ïa phi un kdup (The Silv'ry star will embrace you tight)

Haban da mih kawei pat ka sngi (And till the dawn of another day)

Nga ruh ngan phohsniew ïa phi (I will be dreaming of you)

Kumjuh tang kawei ka jingmut (Likewise with only one intend)

Ngam don ban ong, Khublei thiah suk (I can't say much, goodnight, sweet dreams)

Khublei thiah suk, lyngngai thiah suk (A peaceful night, goodnight sweet dreams)

# Thiah Suk

(Good Night)

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Skit: Ka Lai Shnok

English Lyrics: Tyngshaiñlibor L. Mawphlang

**J=115**Doh is C



Khu - blei thiah suk phoh sniew ïa nga tang ka-wei ka jing- mut\_\_\_\_ Ngin Good night, sweet dreams re - mem ber me with one in - tend in mind\_\_\_ We



sa ïa shem pat\_\_\_ ha ka-wei ka sngi\_\_Ma nga bad phi tang ar - ngut hi. will meet a - gain\_\_ on some o-ther day\_\_\_The two of us, just you and I



Hang - ta ba - roh ngan sa phla lut jing - ieit na sdang ha kut,
My love for you I'll vow it all, The pur - est love I've kept,
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ieit ba shi - sha\_\_\_ ba nga la tyng - kai tang ma phi ba lah pyn - ja - nai. love oh! the love\_\_\_I've trea -sured for you it's on - ly you to con - sum mate.







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**Tempo:** = 115 bpm (Performers can also sing in between 110 - 120 bpm).

Skit: Ka Lai Shnok

 $\textbf{Music Accompaniment:} \ \ Meban lamphang \ Lyngdoh \ (Keyboard \ by \ Tyngshain libor \ L. \ Mawphlang)$ 

Vocals: Amabel Susngi

**Instruments used**: *Ka duitara, ka kynshaw, skoo kynrooh (shakers),* keyboard, and guitar Audio Recording: Mebanlamphang Lyngdoh





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## Glossary of Khasi Terms

Bah A term of respect to refer for (an older) male

*Ka* A pronoun used optionally to refer to a female

Ka bom A large upright Khasi drum

Ka duitara | Khasi plucking string instrument

Ka dymphong | Khasi bamboo percussion instrument

Ka ksing shynrang | Khasi male drum (double-sided drum)

Ka kynshaw Khasi cymbals

Ki They

Kong | A term used for (an older) female

Kyriah Vocal slurs/melodic ornamentation

Lur Mangkara | Bright star

Rynniaw Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Shakuriaw | Tiny brass bells

Skit | Khasi rhythmic pattern or beat

Sohlyngngem | Ashy Wood Pigeon

Sohra A town known for its natural beauty and waterfalls

Synrop Refrain

Tiew Lyngksiar | A rare yellow orchid

I A pronoun for male

Uskoo kynrooh | Khasi shaker made out of a gourd

Wahingdoh | A locality in Shillong town where Teslet Pariat was born and raised





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