

Alawa Song Buk

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Song Buk 1988

Aibin burrumdan ola Alawa song aibin irrim
o sambadi bin gibit mi la peipa. Bambah
wen yu raitim nyuwan song, ola wed en ola
speling la dijan buk garra album yu burrumdan
gudbaiawei. If yu laik, yu kin sandim nyuwan
song la mi garrim wed la peipa en garrim kaset.
Ai king meigim nyuwan alawa song buk den,
en Barry en Margaret Borneman kin printim la
Dawin.

This book has all the Alawa songs I have heard
or written down. When you write new songs, the
words and spellings in this song book will help
in getting the spellings and words right. But you
can also write down your songs and put them on
cassette for Barry and Margaret Borneman or for
me to put them in the next revision of the Alawa
Song Book. It is easier to get the songs right if
you send the written words and a cassette.

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Songs

1. *Boiurrumap*

Mun.ji-nyarriga

□

Mun.ji-nyarriga, mun.ji-nyarriga,
 Mun.ji-nyarriga Jisas.
 Nyingaya ngaba lun-jurrga nyambinyirru.
 Mun.ji-nyarriga, mun.ji-nyarriga,
 Mun.ji-nyarriga Jisas.
 Wunya ngayi wad-nya nyurranji.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Follow,
 follow. Copyright unknown.

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3. *Jisas laigim oligija*

Nyingaya-neni Jisasji yilalalmagi

□

Nyingaya-neni Jisasji yilalalmagi, yilalalmagi, yi-
 lalalmagi.
 Nyingaya-neni Jisasji yilalalmagi, yilalalmagi.
 Nawinija, an.gujaga,
 Anbababayili, anlibilyili,
 Nyamba, ngaba, nyalanga,
 Nyingaya-neni yilalmagi.

Jisas jangarl-nayiman nyalanga, nyalanga,
 nyalanga.

Jisas jangarl-nayiman nyalanga, jangarl-
 nayiman nyalanga.

Wurruguwurrregularra, girrigirriyayi,

Yililmiyi, yilyajayajajayi,
Nyamba, ngaba, nyalanga,
Jangarl-nayiman nyalanga.

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: Jesus loves everyone. Copyright unknown.

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12. Mi nomo garram eni mani

Ngina nga-gударu-wanda

Marlu-marlirr guyn-gandawurru

□

Marlu-marlirr guyn-gandawurru
Pida yirrlilmi Jun.
Ngura-arriganburru gudaruyi.
Guda) Pidirr namumban niba,

“Ngina nga-gударu-wanda
Ngamimbi nyamba yumarr nanggaya.
Jawarirr niba Jisas Kraisja,
Marlu-marlu durn-ginya.”

Durn-nayiman-nda marlu-marlu ga ga-nambarla
Godja.

Durn-nayiman-nda marlu-mariu ga ga-nambarla
Godja.

Jawarirr niba Jisas Kraisja,
Marlu-marlu durn-nayiman.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr, first verse by
Margaret Sharpe. Tune: Silver and gold have I
none. Copyright unknown.

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20. *Ebrijing mi tok**Wulaguli ngarl-ngemberli*

□
 Wulaguli ngarl-ngemberli, wulaguli lun-
 ngurrgerli,
 Nyingaya-ngeni narnanga,
 Nyingaya-ngeni narnanga.
 Wulaguli ngarl-ngemberli, wulaguli lun-
 ngurrgerli,
 Alawal nyingaya-ngeni narnanga.
 Mal gada alawal nyingaya-neni ngaba,
 Alawal yumarr ngaba, alawal yumarr ngaba.
 Mal gada alawal nyingaya-neni ngaba,
 Jisas da alawal yiligarri ngabanya.

Words from Minyerri. Tune original for Kriol.

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21. *Imbin longtaim na**Warbi-warbi gada ngayiman Godjiyunu*

□
 Warbi-warbi gada ngayiman Godjiyunu,
 Nyingaya-ngeni jurd-ngeji guda.
 Wernejunuga nda man.garn gada ngawujala,
 Guni jurd-ngajini-gunu.

Jurd-ngajini-gunu burdirru nyamba,
 Guda jurd-ngajini-gunu.
 Jingurrima, Guni, gada nyingaya-yeni ngaba.
 Guni, jurd-ngajini guda.

Gurlag-jingedinyi ngulijirri nyamba.
 Nyingaya-ngeni jurd-ngeji guda.
 Gurlag-jingedinyi ngulijirri.
 Nyingaya-ngeni jurd-ngeji guda,
 Alawal gurlag-jingedinyi ngina.

Jurd-ngajini-gunu burdirru nyamba,
 Guda jurd-ngajini-gunu.
 Jingurrima, Guni, gada nyingaya-yeni ngaba.
 Guni, jurd-ngajini guda.

Words by Margaret Sharpe and others at
 Minyerri. Tune: Coming home.

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22. Baimbai yunmi garra siyim God

Yalbi barda guyn-nyularnu God

□
 Yalbi barda guyn-nyularnu God
 Yalbi barda guyn-nyularnu God
 Yalbi barda guyn-nyularnu God
 Guda yab-nyula nibawarr.
 Guda ngarni nibinyirr nyurranji
 Guda ngarni nibinyirr nyurranji
 Guda ngarni nibinyirr nyurranji
 Guda ngarni nibinyirr nyurranji.

Words from Minyerri. Tune: By-and-by we'll
 see the King. Copyright unknown

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31. God im laigim yu

Godji nyingaya-neni nyamba

□
Godji nyingaya-neni nyamba,
Nyingaya-ngeni nyamba.
Namimbigi bugi.
Godji nyingaya-neni nyamba,
Nyingaya-ngeni nyamba.
Namimbigi bugi.

Nyingaya yumarr-ngeni,
Nyingaya yumarr-yeni.
Namimbigi bugi.
Nyingaya yumarr-ngeni,
Nyingaya yumarr-yeni.
Namimbigi bugi.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: God loves you
and I love you. Copyright unknown.

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39. Melabat kaman

Wuleji-gunu nibinyirru wulamburr

□
Wuleji-gunu nibinyirru wulamburr.
Wuleji-gunu nibinyirru wulamburr.
Nibinyirru wulyamu wuleji niba.
Wuieji-gunu nibinyirru wulamburr.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: We are
gathering together unto him. Copyright
unknown.

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43. *Jisas bos**Nyanggana yi-yiligarri*

□
 Nyanggana yi-yiligarri, nyanggana yi-yiligarri.
 Durn-jiyiman balgirryunu, nyanggana yi-
 yiligarri.
 Murdudu-nyulni niba
 Ngarndal yi-yumarr
 Jisas Kraiss yi-yiligarri.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: He is
 Lord. Copyright unknown.

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45. *Jandap na**Jir-yilni warr-yilarnu God*

□
 Jir-yilni warr-yilarnu God.
 Jir-yilni warr-yilarnu God.
 Jir-yilni warr-yilarnu God.
 Yumarr-neni nyurranji.

Guni nyunmudaya Jisas Kraiss.
 Guni nyunmudaya Jisas Kraiss.
 Guni nyunmudaya Jisas Kraiss.
 Yumarr-neni nyalanga.

Yileji-gunu Jisasjirru.
 Yileji-gunu Jisasjirru.
 Yileji-gunu Jisasjirru.
 Nyulaja-gunu Jisasji.

Mun.ji-yilarrigarnu nyurranji.
Mun.ji-yilarrigarnu nyurranji.
Mun.ji-yilarrigarnu nyurranji.
Nyulwuyga nyurranji.

Yab-jila Godji wulamburr.
Yab-jila Godji wulamburr.
Yab-jila Godji wulamburr.
Yumarri-nyuleni gidanya.

Aleluya yumarr God.
Nyingaya-nyuleni nyurranji.
Yumarri-nyuleni wulamburr Godji.
Aleluya yumarr God.

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: Stamp your feet and praise the Lord. Copyright unknown.

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51. Dijan Holi Spirit

Miyag niba ninda bangarra

□
Miyag niba ninda bangarra.
Wer-nyulenu murrji nibinyirru
Murru bendirru bendirru gудару
Alawal ngarlungun ngarlungun nyurranji
Miyag niba ninda bangarra.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: The Holy Spirit's in this land. Copyright unknown.

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64. Kaman Holi Spirit

Wagaji miyag yumarr

□
Wagaji miyag yumarr. Nyingaya-ngeni nyamba.
Wagaji yumarr miyag ngura-nyarriga.
Wagaji-gunu ngabinyirru ngaygan.ji.
Wagaji-gunu, jingurrima ngina wunya.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Come,
Holy Spirit. Copyright unknown.

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67. Jisas im prabli switbala neim

Jisas yumarr jawari nyamba

□
Jisas yumarr jawari nyamba.
Nyanggana wularr-anyandanyagi
Yumarr jawari nyamba.
Ganyarndija nyingaya-ngeni nyamba
Yaw, Jisas yumarr jawari mayag-gerrenu.
Yaw, Jisas yumarr jawari mayag-gerrenu.

Words from Minyerri and Ngukurr. Tune: Jesus
is the sweetest name I know. Copyright
unknown.

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71. Kaman en preisim

Wuleji-gunu murdudu-wulni

□
Wuleji-gunu murdudu-nyulni nyulwuyga.

Wuleji-gunu murdudu-nyulni Jisas Kraiss.
 Murdudu-nyulni yiligarri nyalanga.
 Nurla-nda alawal yamirni nyalanga.

Gej-nanya wernejunuga nyalanga
 Grndija ngulijirri niba gurlag-
 nyunngadannangga.
 Milarr-nayiman nyalanga alawal yumarr ngar-
 lungun,
 Alawal ngulijirri niba danyagi ruwirr.

Wagaji-gunu wird-jarnu
 Wagaji-gunu wird-ja yumarrja nyamba.
 Ninda yumarr nyamba ninda benda
 Ninda Godji nyunmudarningga.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Come and
 praise him. @ 1977 Thank You Music.

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80. What a friend we have in Jesus

Jisas yumarr jawa nyalanga

□
 Jisas yumarr jawa nyalanga
 Nyingaya-neni nyalanga.
 Jangarl-nayiman ala nyulwaynma.
 Nyunmuduwunnangga waynma.

Nyulmabundurr wernejunuga.
 Gerl-amudinyunu ngalbi
 Gudi gudi-neni nyalanga
 Yunburrirri manggarnda.

Jabay yamirni-nda yumbarr
 Bardirinya wulamburr:
 Mur-jendirnangga ngaygan.ji
 Ngarl-yimimbi-nda God.

Godji gaya-nerneni nyamba
 Mabin-jendirnangga.
 Godji mayag-jendirnangga.
 Ngarl-yeninjarranya God.

Jisas yumarr jawa nyalanga.
 Ngayi nyalurdi nyurranji.
 Wurrwad-nyuleni nurla-wanji.
 Nyunmudarningga nyingaya niba.

Nyingaya werneju-nyulnindirr,
 Yagul-nyulnindirr nganja:
 Ngarl-nyulmudinyunu Jisas,
 Alawal jawa nyalanga.

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: What a
 friend we have in Jesus. Copyright unknown.

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82. Meigim mi nyu

Milarr-winya ngaba yumarr

□
 Milarr-winya ngaba yumarr, o God.
 Nyingaya nyamba lun-jurrga jangardgirru
 ngaba.
 Milarr-winya ngaba yumarr, o God

Nyingaya nyamba lun-jurrnga jangardgirru
ngaba.

Ngina iun-jurrnga ngaba wulamburr God.
Ngayi juwi-mimbi ngaba warbi-warbi nganjirr.
Mabin-gerrenu ngulijiyyi malmalja nyamba
Mabln-gerrenu gada danyagi ruwlrr jangarl-
nayjman.

Words Minyerri and Tevised by Margaret
Sharpe. Tune: Create in me a clean heart
Copyright unknown.

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87. Wi garra gibit preis la God

Guyurd-nyulanjirri Godjirru

□

Guyurd-nyulanjirri Godjirru.
God alawal yamirni.
Mal milarr-nayiman nyalanga, milarr-nayiman.

Ya God yamirni, nyulwuyga nyuliny
nibinyirru.
Murdudu-nyulni yiligarri nyalanga.
Ninda benda yamirni, murdudu-nyulni niba.
Nyulalalmagi warr-nyulenu.

Guyurd-nyulanjirri Jisasjirru.
Krais alawal yamirni.
Mal jangarl-nayiman nyalanga, jangarl-nayiman.

Jisas yamirni nyulinya nibinyirru.

Murdudu-nyulni niba yamirni.
Jisas Kraiss yamirni, murdudu-nyulni niba.
Nyulalalmagi warr-nyulenu.

Words by Kelly, Lorraine and Margaret,
Minyerri.. Tune: I will sing unto the Lord.
Copyright unknown.

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89. *God bin laigim mi*

Godji nyingaya-neni nyalanga

□
Godji nyingaya-neni nyalanga, juwi-namban
Jisas.

Nurla nyingaya niba amabinu murrjirr niba.
Neji-gunu jangarl-nyiyi nurla juwi-nambi ngaba.
Nurla durn-nayiman waynma ala yumarri-
ngarni.

Nurla nyingaya niba amabinu murrjirr niba
Nurla nyingaya niba anmudarningga.
Ngayi yagul-ngarni wernejugirryunu.
Guda yumarri-ngarni yagul-ngarni.

Mun.ji-yenu-da Jisas Kraiss,
Yiyelya gada jangarl-nayiman nyamba,
Ala Spirit niba yab-garnu nyambawarr,
Ala yumarri-yirni, ngayi yagul-yirni.

Yalbi barda yumbarr neji-gunu
Guyn-garnu nibinyirru wan.gan niba.
Jabay jangarl-ngawihya, ngayi yagul-ngarni,

Guda ngawinya niba yab-garra bendirru.

Ngayelya gada mun.ji-arrigarnu-da Jisas
Nurla Jisas Krai yamirni God.
Nyingaya anmudarningga nyingaya yumarri-
ngeni,
Milarr-nayiman waynma, ala yumarri-ngarni.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: Because he
lives. Copyright unknown.

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90. Wi na wanbala garram Krai

Nyuljarrinyiyi Jisasja

□
Nyuljarrinyiyi Jisasja.
Nyuljarrinyiyi Jisasja.
Nyunmuduwannangga waynma nyingaya
wan.ji.
Nyuljarrinyiyi Jisasja.

Yumarr-yeni, Jisas Krai.
Yumarr-yeni narna nyalanga
Yumarr-yeni miyag Jisasja.
Nyuljarrinyiyi nyurranji.

Milarr-nayiman nyalanga jarrinyiyi
Milarr-nayiman nyalanga jarrinyiyi.
Milarr-nayiman nyulbaba Jisasja.
Nyuljarrinyiyi Jisasja.

Yumarr Jisas bababa nyalanga.

Yumarr God, narna nyalanga.
Yumarr God, Jisas miyag-wanji.
Nyuljarrinyiyi nyurranji.

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: The bond of
love by Otis Skillings @ 1988 Lillenas Publishing
Co.

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98. Wi na det pipul blanga God

Wulu-nda ganyarndija benda

□
Wuiu-nda ganyarndija benda,
Wulu-nda ganyarndija benda.
Wulu-nda ganyarndija benda.
Aleyu. Aleluya.

Ninda-nda ngidmirr niba yiligarriyi.
Ninda-nda ngidmirr niba yiligarriyi.
Ninda-nda ngidmirr niba yiligarriyi.
Alelu. Aleluya.

Jisas jurd-najini-gunu.
Jisas jurd-najini-gunu.
Jisas jurd-najini-gunu.
Alelu. Aleluya.

Wulu-nda ganyarndija benda.
Ninda-nda ngidmirr niba yiligarriyi.
Jisas jurd-najini-gunu.
Alelu. Aleluya.

Words from Mlnyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: We are
the people of God. Copyright unknown.

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100. Kaman langa Jisas yumob

Wuleji-gunu Jisasjirru

□

Wuleji-gunu Jisasjirru.
Nyingaya-neni gada wuleji-gunu.
Wuleji-gunu, ngayi yab-gula.
Nyingaya-neni gada wuleji wunya.

Yumarr-wunendirnangga jangardga.
Yumarr-wunendirnangga jangardga.
(Gada) mabin-wulenu yumarrja.
Yumarr-wunendirnangga miyagji niba
Yumarr-wunendirnangga Miyagji niba.

Jisas jangarl-nayiman wulunga
Warndi-warndi, ngayi wunya.
Mabin-wulenu-nda Jisas.
Wuleji, wulmudinjirri niba.

Wuleji, yumarr-wulanjirrirr jangardga.
Wuleji, yumarr-wulanjirrirr jangardga.
Miyag niba marn-gungadannangga.
Wuleji, yumarr-wulanjirrirr jangardga.
Wuleji, yumarr-wulanjirrirr jangardga.
Miyagji niba.

Words from Minyerri and Ngukurr. Tune:
Kaman langa Jisas yumob, from Ngukurr.

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103. *Wanbala men**Jarrinyiyi lilmi jir-neni wubirr*

□
 Jarrinyiyi lilmi jir-neni wubirr,
 Bili-nyunenu rugalarra wamam.
 Nurligi¹ bili-nyunenu wurdiga,
 Binjurr niba dewu-mayi ,alawal barab-mayin.
 Ninda gulurr yirrwarrini gulurr alawal gereng-
 mayin,
 Diyanga niba yirrwarrini diyanga wulegi wubu.
 Ga-nemberli wulegi marraman
 Guruguru niba alawal gereng-mayin wulegi wu-
 narru.

Nurligi* namumban “Guda ngayi yagul-yirni.
 Ngina banga ngina nga-bing-garrarnu.
 Waynma, ngina nga-waynma.
 Jangarl-ngayiman, durn-ngayiman, guda nga-
 waynma.
 Ngina nga-yiligarri, ngina nga-yiligarri balgayi.
 Ngayi nyingaya-ngarni nyamba jangarl-nyiyi
 Ngina-nda nga-yiligarri waynmayi.”
 Ninda lilmi, Jisas Kraiss, malmal Godja.

Words translated from Kriol Rebaleishan
 1.13-18 by Minyerri mob. Tune: Majesty. @
 Frankdon Music Pty Ltd. Crows Nest, N.S.W.

*Words supplied jarrinyiyi lilmi but nurligi
 better, meaning “that same man”

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120. *Stakmen bin maindim ola ship*

Yilstakmen yilmabanna nanigut

□
Yilstakmen yilmabanna nanigut
Wulamburr Betlehem
Maruwarr jum-nayiman Godjiyunu
Girri! Yagul-yili.

Namumban yilunga “Ngayi yagul-yilni
Yumarr-da nanggaya ngaba.
Wunya durd-namban-da malmal
Barda yiligarri wulunga narni.”

Nurligirri maruwarra namban yilunga,
“Dali gada ngemberli wulunga.
Wulinya dul-wulangana-da malmal
Yarna-nyi buligirr yadji.”

Yilmaruwarr yilwuyga yilaja-gunu guda,
Warr-yilanna “God yamirni.
Nurla yamirni wulanga, yumarr wulunga,
Yumarr nyurranji.”

Yiliman yilmaruwarr, yillilmi yilmumban,
“Nyulinya guyn-nyularnu-da malmal.”
Yiliman yadjirru guyn-jilanna wulagi
Ngarl-yinbirranya.

Words by Margaret Sharpe and Barney Farrar.
Tune: While shepherds watched their flocks by
night.

Guyn-garra gida benda

□
Guyn-garra gida benda
Narna-ngayi ngaba.
Murdudu-ngarni niba yumarri.
Nyingaya yumarr-ngeni niba.
Warr-nyularnu yumarr nyalanga.
Nyalanga warr-nyularnu narna nyalangirru,
narna-ngayi nyalanga.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Lift up
your head. Copyright unknown.

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133. Jisas bin singat fobala men

Jisasji ga-namban yilgulawula

□
Jisasji ga-namban yilgulawula,
Yilundanyagi gaj-jilanna barlgurr.
Saimon Endru-wanji, Jeims Jon-wanji
“Yileji-gunu ngina-wanji.”

“Yileji-gunu nyamun-julularriga,
Yileji-gunu nyamun-julularriga.
Nina nga-yiligarri, yiligarri wulunga.
Yileji-gunu nyamun-julularriga.”

Jisasji ga-namban yilunga.
Jisasji ga-namban yilunga.
“Ngulgu-ngurrima gaj-wularnu
Wulunga ngabababarra ngabanya.”

*Yileji-sunu munji-juluiarriga,

Yileji-gunu munji-juluiarriga.
 “Nina ng-yilisarri, yiligarri wulunga.
 Yi1eji-gunu munji-julularriga.”

Words Margaret Sharpe and Cleo Wilfrid from
 Kriol. Original tune.

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136. Lod, yubin meigim mi

Guni, milarr-yyiman ngaba

□

Guni, milarr-yyiman ngaba
 Guni, jangarl-yyiman ngaba.
 Guni, guda marn-jingada.
 Guni guda ngarni nyamba nginardi.

Marn-jingada guda yumarr-jangan.
 Yej-ji wernejunuga ngaba ngalbi.
 Marn-jingada gada yumarr jangan.
 Guda me-yimban ngaba guda wunyaya.

Original tune for Kriol words.

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144. Wi garra weship langa wanbala God

Murdudu-nyularriganna ninda benda

□

Murdudu-nyulerrigenu ninda benda
 Murdudu-nyulerrigenu ninda benda
 Nurla-nda jarrinyiyi nyalanga.
 Jisas jurd-nayiman bendirru
 Jisas jurd-nayiman bendirru

Nurla-nda jarrinyiyi nyalanga.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: Wi garra
weship, from Katherine/Barunga.

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146. Jisas oni wei bla laif

Jisas nurla amabinu waynma nyalanga

□
Jisas nurla amabinu waynma nyalanga,
Godji juwi-namban Jisas Krai, nawinyi-nganjiyi.
Nurla amabinu nyingaya nyalanga,
Nurla ma-nyunngadannanga nyurranji.

Jisas ninda benda yumarr walba,
Gadanyagi bangarra, warr-enu mawundu.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: Jisas oni wei bla
laif, from Katherine.

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147. Holdim main hen

Jaw-nya guyangu

□
Jaw-nya guyangu, yiyagarna miyag ngaba
Lod alawak mayag-nya,
Lod alawal nyingaya-nyamuda.
Bili-winya jangardgirru ngaba, Wagaji Lod Jisas.
Wagaji Lod Jisas.
Nyanggana yi-yumarr nyanggana gudi gudi
ngaba,

Mal gada yi-lilmi yamirni yi-yumarr ga-mimbi
nyamba.
Mal gada yi-lilmi yamirni yi-yumarr ga-mimbi
nyamba.

Words by Dianne Hall mob. Tune: Hold my
hand. Copyright unknown.

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149. Imenyuwel

Imenyuwel

□

Imenyuwel, Imenyuwel.
Jawari niba Imenyuwel.
God nindanyagi, ngarlungunyi nyalangirr.
Jawari niba Imenyuwel.

Jisas jawari niba. Jisas jawari niba.
Nurla yiligarri nyalanga, jawari Jisas.
God nindanyagi, ngarlungun nyalangirr
Nurla yiligarri nyalanga, jawari Jisas

Jawari niba Yawey. Jawari niba Yawey.
Nurla narna nyalanga, jawari Yawey.
God nindanyagi, ngarlungun nyalangirr.
Nurla narna nyalanga, jawari Yawey.

Ngaygan nurla. Yamirni nurla.
Narna nyalanga, alawal God.
God nindanyagi, ngarlungun nyalangirr
Nurla narna nyalanga, alawal God.

Words from Minyerri. Tune: Emmanuel @
1981, 1983 Scripture in Song.

31

150. Im maindimbat mi (Minyerri version)

Guni yi-yumarr

□
Guni, yi-yumarr.
Guni, yi-yumarr.
Guni, yi-yumarr,
Yi-yumarr ngaba.

Guni guda yumarr-jangan.
Guni guda yumarr-jangan.
Guni guda yumarr-jangan,
Yi-yumarr ngaba.

Guda nga-yumarr.
Guda nga-yumarr.
Guda nga-yumarr.
Yi-yumarr ngaba.

Guni yi-yumarr.
Guni guda yumarr-jangan.
Guda nga-yumarr.
Yi-yumarr ngaba.

Words from Minyerri. Tune: God is so good. Im
maindimbat mi

32

150. Im maindimbat mi

Narna-nyalanga yumarr ngaba

□
Narna-nyalanga yumarr ngaba.
Yumarr ngaba. Yumarr Guni ngaba.

Godji nyingaya-neni ngaba, nyingaya-neni
ngaba.
Yumarr ngaba. Yumarr Guni ngaba.

Guyn-genendirnangga. Guyn-genendirnangga.
Yumarr ngaba. Yumarr Guni ngaba.

Mabin-genendirnangga. Mabin-
genendirnangga.
Yumarr ngaba. Yumarr Guni ngaba.

Wurg-ngamimbi niba. Wurg-ngamimbi niba.
Wurg-ngamimbi niba. Yumarr nurla ngaba.

Nyamun-errerrigenu. Nyamun-errerrigenu.
Nyamun-errerrigenu. Yumarr nurla ngaba.

Words by Margaret Sharpe and others from
Kriol. Tune: God is so good. Copyright
unknown.

33

151. Mibala wandi singat langa yu

Ga-nyulbi nyamba, Guni

□
Ga-nyulbi nyamba, Guni.
Gurlag-jingadan nyingaya ngaba.
Jingurrimuwun manggarn yumarr.

Lun-jurrgan nyingaya nyamba nyalangirr.
 Yaw, jawarirr nyamba.
 Yaw, jawarirr nyamba.
 Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Jisas.

Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarn-
 ingga.
 Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarn-
 ingga.
 Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarn-
 ingga.
 Gaya-ngeni nyingaya niba bili-neji-gunu nyaga.
 Ngura-yagarna ngaygan niba najini-gunu nyaga.
 Ngura-yagarna ngaygan niba najini-gunu nyaga.
 Ngura-yagarna wulalaguli nyunmudarningga.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Mibala
 wandi singat langa yu, from Barunga/Katherine
 1988 songwriters Workshop.

34

153. God bin tjeinjim main laif

Godji bunayn-ganannangga nyingaya ngaba

□
 Godji bunayn-ganannangga nyingaya ngaba.
 Nurla bunayn-ganannangga.
 Nyingaya yumarr-ngeni,
 Guda wulaguli-ngeni
 Wird-ganangannangga ngidminjiyunu
 Lun-nurrgan ngaba majundu.
 Uuuuuuuu Godji bunayn-ganannangga nyingaya
 ngaba.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: There's a great
change in me. Copyright unknown.

35

154. Singat langa Jisas

Ga-mimbi Jisas

□

Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga.
Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga.
Wuyga, wuyga, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.
Wuyga, wuyga, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.
Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga.

Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga.
Malmal, malmal, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.

Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga
Ngandurla, ngandurla, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.

Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga
Wurrigularr, wurrigularr, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.

Ga-mimbi Jisas, nurla yamirni nyalanga
Wuyga, wuyga, murdudu-nyulerrigenu.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Say a
little prayer to Jesus. Copyright unknown.

36

155. Brom longwei wibin kaman

Ngalbiyunu nyulajina-gunu

□

Ngalbiyunu nyulajina-gunu
 Ala warr-nyurrgendi
 Kajarinyunu, Dawinyunu, Minyerriyunu,
 Ngugurryunu.
 Barungayunu,
 Nyuljarrinyi.
 Ngarl-ngurrumuda nanggaya yumarr.
 Warliburru, Maranbala, Jingulu, Garrawa,
 Gudanji, Ararnda, Bijanjanjarra, Lurija...
 Nyuljarrinyi.

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: Brom longwei, Katherine 1988 Songwriters Workshop.

37

Jisas milarr-nayiman burda nyalanga

(Jerusalem)

□
 Jisas milarr-nayiman burda nyalanga gadanyagi
 Jerusalemji.
 Godji milarr-nayiman walba alalmagi nyalanga.
 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, muyn-muyn.ga walba
 nyalanga.
 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, muyn-muyn.ga walba.

Ngayi jangarl-ngawinya gadanyagi,
 Jisas milarr-nayiman walba gadanyagi
 Jerusalem.

Wulu mabin-gularnu wuleji
 Wulu mabin-nyuiarnu
 Guda wulamburr neji-gunu

Nibinyirru Jisas Kraiss.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: Jerusalem.

38

I stand with Jesus

Ngina jir-ngeni Jisaswarr

□
Ngina jir-ngeni Jisaswarr,
Mal gada mayag-gerrenu
Yumarr nyingaya-anmuduwunnangga.
Jir-ngeni gida ngura-errerrigenu.

Ngina marr-ngambarla wernejunuga
Ngalbi yab-garrangan nibinyirryunu.
Guda wunya ngarni niba,
Jir-ngeni gida ngura-errerrigenu.

Guda ngayi mayag-gerrendunu
Nurla nurlardi Jisas.
Waynma-nurrga nyalanga.
Jir-ngeni gida ngura-errerrigenu.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: I stand
with Jesus.

39

Hear my cry, O Lord

Ngura-nyarriga Guni

□
Ngura-nyarriga Guni, gaya-neyi ngaba.
Ninda-burrgiyunu ga-ngamban nyamba.

Ngabanya jangardga nyingaya yumarr-nyulni
Gudi-winya gudarirr yi-yamirni ngaba, yi-
yamirni ngaba.

Nyambanya guda marn-jingada,
Guda yirringga burda yumarrja nyalanga.
Ngabanya jangardga nyingaya yumarr-nyulni
Gudi-yiwinya gudarirr yi-yamirni ngaba, yi-
yamirni ngaba.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukurr. Tune: Hear my
cry, O Lord. Copyright unknown

40

Jesus, how lovely you are

Jisas yi-yumarr

□
Jisas yi-yumarr,
Alawal yi-yumarr.
Jawari yumarr
Mal gada yi-yumarr.

Nyanggana gereng-mayin wulegi jirgiji.
Jisas yi-yumarr.

Words from Minyerri/Ngukur. Tune: Jesus how
lovely you are. Copyright unknown.

41

When you need the Holy Spirit

Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba

□

Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarningga.

Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarningga.

Nyingaya-ngeni nyingaya niba nyunmudarningga.

Gaya-ngeni nyingaya niba bili-neji-gunu nyaga.

Ngura-yagarna ngaygan niba najini-gunu nyaga.

Ngura-yagarna ngaygan niba najini-gunu nyaga.

Ngura-yagarna ngaygan niba najini-gunu nyaga.

Gaya-ngeni nyingaya niba bili-neji-gunu nyaga.

Ga-yagarna wulaguli nyunmudarningga.

Ga-yagarna wulaguli nyunmudarningga.

Ga-yagarna wulaguli nyunmudarningga.

Gaya-ngeni nyingaya niba bili-neji-gunu nyaga.

Gaya-ngeni nyingaya niba bili-neji-gunu nyaga.

42

God is king in everything we do

Nyingaya anmudarni

□

Nyingaya anmudarni

Ngarl-yimimbi nanggayirr(yunu) niba

Ala Jisas miyagwarr nyalanga.

Ala Jisas miyagwarr nyalanga.

Words from Dianne Farrar and others,
Minyerri.

43

A man came

Jarrinyiyi lilmirri arriganna baba nyalanga

□

Jarrinyiyi lilmirri arriganna baba nyalanga,
“Nanjäl-ngamimbi guda ngawinya bendirru?
Nanjäl-ngamimbi guda yumarri-ngarni
gidanya?”

Jisas namumban niba “Arrmuduwulu-nda mar-
layin.

Muduwulu-nda marlayin, da marlayin.

Da mama, mama-nda gударu-wanji.

Muduwulu-nda marlayin, nda marlayin.

Da mama, mama-nda gударu-wanji.

44

I looked up and saw my Lord coming

Guyn-garra ninda benda

□

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga jum-
najini,

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga jum-
najini manggarn.jirru.

Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.

Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga ngarla-
nemberli,

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga ngarla-
nemberli nyalanga.

Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.
Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga jangarl-
nayiman,
Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga jangarl-
nayiman ruwirr.

Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.
Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.

Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga durn-
nayiman,
Guyn-garra ninda benda baba nyalanga durn-
nayiman balgirryunu.

Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.
Aleluya ninda-gunu. Aleluya ninda guda.
Aleluya durn-nayiman, Aleluya ninda guda.
Aleluya durn-nayiman, Aleluya ninda guda.

Words from Minyerri. Tune: I looked up.

45

Wi garra majurrumap misalb

Guyurd-nyulmimbi niba

□
Guyurd-nyulmimbi niba.
Guyurd-nyuimimbi niba.
Guyurd-nyulmimbi niba.
Guyurd-nyulmimbi niba.
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,

Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Guni.

Milarr-nayiman nyalanga yirringga.
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Guni.

Wulu mun.ji-nyularrigarnu.
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Guni.

Wulu nyingaya-nyuleni niba.
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Guni.

Guyurd-nyulanjirri nibinyirru.
Milarr-nayiman nyalanga yirringga.
Wulu mun.ji-nyularriganna. Wulu nyingaya-
nyuleni niba.
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba,
Yaw, jawarirr nyamba, Guni.

Words by Barney Farrar and Nathaniel Farrar.

46

Jisas bin dai

Jisas jangarl-nayiman nyalanga

□

Jisas jangarl-nayiman nyalanga.
Wulagi nyulmidinjirri niba.
Nyulmudinjirri niba.
Nural jangarl-nayiman nyalanga.

Words by Barney Farrar. Tune: Jisas bin dai.

47

Imbin gedap

Nurla durn-nayiman

□

Nurla durn-nayiman.
Yang-jilngadanna dad-jilurrgan.
Nurla durn-nayiman.
Murru ngarl-yilberil
Guyn-jilenu lun-jilurrgan ruwirr.
Wulagi gada durn-nayiman,
Guda durn-nayiman.

Words from Minyerri. Tune: Imbin gedap.

48

Take my burdens away

Ninda gulg-mayin marr-mimbi ngaba

□

Ninda gulg-mayin marr-mimbi ngaba.
Ala guda malaba ngawinya.
Nyingaya wernejunuga ngarla gulg-mayin.ja.
Nyingaya-ngeni malaba ngawinya,
Walbirru nyamba muyn-muyn.ga.

Warndi-warndi warbi-warbi ngawujala,

Ala wad-garranganna miyag nyamba.
Wunya nyamuda ngina nyambinyirru.
Ninda guig-mayin marr-mimbi ngaba.
Ninda gulg-mayin marr-mimbi ngaba.

Words by Barney Farrar and Nathaniel Farrar.

49

Jisas im na det lait blanga wi

Nurligi Jisas majui nyalanga

□

Nurligi Jisas majul nyalanga.
Nyulmudunu waynma nyalanga.
Yileji-gunu wulamburr nibinyirru,
Mai gada nurla majul nyalanga.

Words by Margaret Sharpe from Kriol by Esther
Farrar.

50

He cannot forget you

Ngayi wunya mug-nambayarr nyamba

□

Ngayi wunya mug-nambayarr nyamba,
Mal gada nyingaya-neni nyamba nyurranji.
Yileji-gunu wunya wele-jimudunu wunya,
Ala miyag niba nemberli jangardgirr nyamba.

Yalbi barda nurla neji-gunu, ngayi jangarl-
yiwinya,
Durn yiwinya nyulinjirr mawunduwurr.
Barla-barla jurd-jiwinya

Wunya gada yeji-gunu nibinyirru,
Barlirru gada jurd-jaja-gunu.

Words from Minyerri.

51

Julegi, yili-wanji milarr-nayiman

(Gurludu)

□
Julegi, yili-wanji
Milarr-nayiman Godji alalmagi.
Ninda walba amabinu,
Gada yumarr walba nyalanga.

Yi-yumarr, Guni God.
Juwi-yimban nawinyi-manja.
Yimudinyunu ngaygan, gada ngularla yun-
burri.

Wulbuldu balgurr lun-jurrgan.
Nyunmuduwun balgirr mama yumarr.
Ninda walba-nda yimabinu,
Gada yumarr walba nindanyagi.

Yi-yumarr, Guni God.
Juwi-yimban nawinyi-manja.
Yimudinyunu ngaygan, gada ngularla yun-
burri

Yanggurlja mijal juwi-nemberli.
Magurrja yubi amudinyunu.
Milarr-nayiman wunarru,
Milarr-nayiman alalmagi.

Yi-yumarr, Guni God.
Juwi-yimban nawinyi-manja.
Yimudinyunu ngaygan, gada ngularla yun-
burri

Mengi-mengi gudi gudi-yiri
Nyalanga manggarn gudarr-njina.
Wunya alawal bunayn-nyunngadan.
Guni, gudi gudi-ni ngalanga.

Yi-yumarr, Guni God.
Juwi-yimban nawinyi-manja.
Yimudinyunu ngaygan, gada ngularla yun-
burri

Beberd en ola animul,
God bin meigim basdam wen im meigim wi len.
Imin iukabdim ola kantri,
En im gibit wi gudwan pleis.

Yu haibala, Dedi God. Yubin sandim yu ron
san.
Na gibit yu Spirit la melabat,
Bla mela wokabat gudbalawei.

Bilibong yu bin burrum jeya
Garram olkain bit mela dakat tidei.
Daga du yubin burrum la graun,
Yubin maindimbat ola len.

Yu haibala, Dedi God. Yubin sandim yu ron
san.
Na gibit yu Spirit la melabat,
Bla mela wokabat gudbalawei

Reintaim yu olataim sandim rein,
La kolweja na yu sandim det dyu.
Yubin meigim det san la skai.
Yubin meigim olting ebriweya.

Yu haibala, Dedi God. Yubin sandim yu ron
san.
Na gibit yu Spirit la melabat,
Bla mela wokabat gudbalawei

Brom oldentaim yubin bos la wi,
Bat basdam wi nobin sabi yu neim.
Tidei na mela sabi gudnyus:
God im dedi bla melabat.

Yu haibala, Dedi God. Yubin sandim yu ron
san.
Na gibit yu Spirit la melabat,
Bla mela wokabat gudbalawei

Words by Margaret Sharpe. Tune: Gurludu
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