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Hk'a^ aw_ meh “ Gaw_ da_ hk'a^ ”
ce^. Yeh_ g'o_ (50) hk'e ceh caw_ she_ ve ,
maw_ taw_ka^ ya_ k'aw aw_ haw^- aw_ na
caw zuh^ leh cheh^ ta_ ve hk'a^ te^ hk'a^ yo_
ce^. Hk'a^ u^- lo suh^ tsuh naw^- leh_ fui_ teh
ta_ ve pa taw_ gaw_ da_ pui^- a_ ce^. La^hu_
ya^ ve hk'aw_ ka_ ga_ la pa^ ne^ yo_ ce^ .
Hk'aw_ ma^ ga_ she_ aw_ g'u^ suh_ gu hehn^
ve kan^- te ve heu_ ja^ ce^ .

Ya_~ hk'a[~], hk'aw_~ hta_~ ha_~ yu_~ ga[~] ve
nyi ma caw_~ ve pa taw ha leh_~ ve aw_~ hk'aw
lo co[~] ca[~] te ve ce[~]. Suh[^] tu⁻ tu_~ hka[^] ve, ca_~
naw[~] hk'a te_~ teh ve , nu_~ shi_~ hpu⁻eh_~ ve ,
aw_~ hpfuh_~ te_~ tu_~ la_~ cheh chi te[~] hpa_~ gu
hehn[~] ca teh ve ce[~].

Na u⁻di_~ leh aw_~ nyi ma Na paw⁻di_~
nyi[~] g'a[~] aw_~ te[~]ca[~] yeh_~ hk'aw gu shi[^] ve ,
yeh_~ lon⁻ma aw_~ hk'aw gu shi[^] ve heu_~
tcuh-a_~ ce[~]. Kan⁻ga te pui⁻ ve , ma[~] baw_~
pui⁻ ve aw_~ vi⁻aw_~ nyi hta_~ aw_~ pa aw_~ e
ha_~ ja[~] ce[~]. Shaw⁻ paw_~ te[~] nyi shu ve
maw_taw_ka[~] aw_~ hk'a[~] suh tcuh hk'aw lo
veu_~ k'a[~] suh⁻ ca nyi vui_~-e tu_~ aw_~ pon
kan⁻ ha[^] ha[^] ki_~ leh te ve ce[~].

Aw_~ vi⁻ aw_~ nyi ha_~ da_~ pui⁻ ve , te[~]
g'a[~] hta_~ te[~] g'a ga da_~ pui⁻ ve , kan⁻ ma[~]
feu_~ da_~ pui⁻ ve pa taw hk'aw_~ hta[~] yeh[~] tu_~
kan⁻ gu hehn[~] ve te[~] geh te peu_~ she-o_~ ce[~].

“A pa a⁻ neh_~- e o_~, veu_~ k’ a[~] aw_~
suh⁻ ca vui_~-e tu_~ hpu a ci⁻ pe_~ la[~] ne_~” Na
u⁻ di_~ k’ o[~] pi[~] hta[~], va_~ haw[~] ta_~ ve hpu te[~]
hko[~] pi[~] hk’ a ve ce[~]. Tcuh hk’ aw caw to[~] leh
veu_~ k’ a[~] heu[~] ga[~] ve hta_~ g’ a_~ nyi to[~] ve
hkui g’ aw[~] ka_~ suh ja[~] peu_~ ce[~]. Aw_~ chaw[~]
aw_~ pa[~] hui[~] gui[~] la k’ o ca[~] gui[~] tu_~ ka_~,
aw_~ chi[~] aw_~ pa[~] ka_~ vui_~ peu_~, aw_~ pa aw_~
e veu_~ k’ a[~] aw_~ pon ka_~ vui_~ peu_~. Tcuh aw_~
k’ aw ji lo meh_~ ja[~] ve hkao_~ saweh[~] ca ca[~]
peu_~ leh a⁻ hk’ aw k’ aw_~ la ve ce[~].

Maw[~] vui_~ pa_~ ma[~] ja[~] leh maw_~ taw_~ ka[~]
hk’ o[~] maw[~] hk’ a bi[~] yo_~ ce[~]. Chaw ka_~ ceh_~
ceh_~ nu[~] nu[~] te k’ aw_~ la ve Na u⁻ di_~ te[~]
g’ a[~] ka[~] bvuh[~] ja[~] ce[~].

Ca[~] ta⁻ ve hkao_~ saweh[~] ka_~ aw_~ pe_~ nu_~
hk’ a[~]-a te leh “ Aw_~ eh_~ aw_~ eh_~” te hpe_~ ve
aw_~ nyi ma Na paw⁻ di_~ a⁻ po_~ leh_~ k’ eh[~]
she_~ leh g’ a shi[~] ba_~ pi[~] ve ce[~]. Na u⁻ di_~
hpe_~ ve aw_~ g’ a[~] ka_~ nu[~] ja[~] ce[~].

A⁻ hk'aw ga_~ la hta[~]-eh_{_} mvuh[~] haw hk'a
deh_~ g'a leh k'aw_~ cheh[~] sha la ve ce[~].

Te[~] hkui g'a[~]jeh[~] g'a peu_~ hta[~] veu_~ k'a[~]
suh⁻ hpeu_~ leh veu_~ nyi ve , meh[^] g'eu[^]
htaw_{_} nyi ve , htaw[~] hpfuh[^] naw_{_} hpfuh[^] te
leh ha leh_~ ve hk'e⁻ le⁻ hk'e⁻ le⁻ yo_~ ce[~].
Ha leh_~ cheh[~] hta[~] , Na law[~] meh[^] g'ui_~ sho[~]
sho[~] te la_~ law ce[~]. Hk'aw_~ aw_~ pon gu
hehn[~] ta_{_} ve ca_~ naw[~] hk'a htu⁻ te[~] tawn ma[~]
maw_~ leh Na law[~] hk'aw[~] ve teh_~ shu k'o[^]
da_~ pi[~] law ce[~].

Na u⁻di_~ daw[~] hk'a[~] pi[~] ve , “ Shu hk'a_~
hk'e k'o[^]la[~] ka_~ ya_pi[~]. Te_~ chi⁻ta[~] k'o[^], ta[~]
k'aw_~ de[~] da_~. Naw_~ ma[~] te ta_{_}ve k'o, yaw[~]
hui shi_la tu_~yo_~” teh_~ k'o[^] ma_{_} ve hk'e Na
law[~] na yu_~ leh a⁻ hk'aw k'o_~-e ve ce[~].

Na law[~], te[~] nyi ca_~ naw[~] aw_{_} ca⁻ neh[^] leh
teh gaw_~ ta_{_} ve hta_~ aw_~ ba_~ lo ngeu_{_} bvuh
ta_{_} pi[~] ve ce[~].

Mvuh^ˇ hpeu_~ hpaw^ˇ va_~ te^ˇ mo_ lon⁻ ga_~
la leh shaw leh_~, ca^ˇ ve ce^ˇ. Na law^ˇ aw_~
pa^ˇ aw_~ kui aw_~ chaw^ˇ hui hta_~ ku_~ ma_ pi^ˇ
ve , yaw^ˇ hui te^ˇ g'a^ˇ hta_~ te^ˇ g'a^ˇ nyi da_~
she_ leh Na law^ˇ hta_~ ca law_~ hkaw⁻ la ve
ce^ˇ.

“ Nga_~ hui naw_~ hta_~ca_~ naw^ˇ hk'a hk'aw^ˇ
pa_ ” k'o[^] hk'ai⁻ la^ˇ ve hta_~ nga_~ hui law_~
hkaw⁻ la^ˇ ve yo_~ meh_. Va_~ chi te^ˇ mo_ ca^ˇ
cheu^ˇ ja^ˇ ve yo_~. Va_~ aw_~ mo_ lon⁻ htu⁻ pui
geu_~ pawn_leh yi-eh_ hpeh_~ hk'a ga_~ ca^ˇ peu_~
ta⁻la^ˇve law ce^ˇ.

Na law^ˇ k'o[^] pi^ˇ ve , “ Nga_~ naw_~ hui
hta_~ ven^ˇ ba[^] hpeh^ˇ la^ˇ ve yo_~”. Na u⁻di_~
htaw^ˇ yaw^ˇ hui te^ˇ g'a^ˇ leh te^ˇ g'a^ˇ ven^ˇ ba[^]
hpeh^ˇ da_~ ve aw_~ he[^] la_~ k'aw_ ca⁻ da_~ tcuh
peu_~ leh a shu yaw^ˇ a⁻ hk'aw k'o_~-e ve ce^ˇ.
“ Bon ui_ ja^ˇ meh_ Na u⁻di_~ o_~” Na law^ˇ nyi
ma sha la-o_~ ce^ˇ. Hk'aw_~ aw_~ g'u^ˇ suh_ ven^ˇ
ba[^] hpeh^ˇ da_~ g'a leh hkeh^ˇ- a_~ she_~ ce^ˇ.

Shaw⁻ na_~ hk'aw_~ suh⁻ aw⁻ law⁻ te[~] nyi Na
u⁻di_~ leh Na paw⁻di_~ aw_~ vi⁻ aw_~ nyi nyi[~]
g'a[~] g'ui_~ leh_~ te leh aw_~ pa aw_~ e hta_~ g'ui_~
tsuh[~] pi[~] ve ce[~]. Hpa⁻ ce_~ te leh tsuh[~] pi[~] ta_~
ve hta_~ shi[~] vi pi[~] ve ce[~]. Aw_~ pa aw_~ e ka_~
ya[~] mi[~] nyi[~] g'a[~] hta_~ bon na_~ pi[~] ve , aw_~
pa aw_~ e geh hk'aw_~ suh⁻ ve aw_~ bon g'a
hkan_~ yu_~ ve ha leh_~ ja[~] ce[~]. Aw_~ pa aw_~ e
hta_~ hk'aw_~ hta[~] ceh yaw[~] yan ve ma[~] he[~]
hk'a_~ hta[~] ka_~ yaw[~] yan pui⁻ ve , na yu_~ pui⁻
ve ya[~] mi[~] nyi[~] g'a[~] hpeh_~ ve ce[~].

Hk'aw_~ suh⁻ nyi[~] nyi te[~] nyi – Na u⁻di_~
aw_~ vi⁻ aw_~ nyi geh k'ai leh g'ui_~ leh_~ tsuh[~]
pi[~] ve , la_~ shawn_~ pi[~] ve , la_~ k'aw_~ ca⁻ pi[~]
ve ce[~]. A⁻ hk'aw lo aw_~ pa aw_~ e aw_~ chi[~]
meh_~ meh_~ te teh ta_~ la[~] ve law. Yeh_~ ya[~]
k'a ya[~] ha leh_~ ha k'a ca[~] peu_~ hta[~], te[~]
hk'a[~] ma bon yeh_~ ho_~ va[~] k'eh_~ kui_~ lo nyi
sha tu_~ hk'a deh_~ gu hehn[~] ta_kui_~ lo te[~]
yeh_~ le le hta_~ ya[~] neh_~ hui g'ui_~ leh yu_~ la
leh tsuh[~] pi[~] ve ce[~].

Hk'a peu-e_ tsuh^ peu_ k'o, te^ hk'aw_ le te
jaw ve Na va_ te^ yeh_ la_ shawn_ gu_ la_ ve
ce^ . Te^ yeh_ le le hta_ la_ shawn_ te^ yeh_
te^ ceu_ te pi^ ve ce^ . Chaw mo_ lon^- ka_
aw_ hpfuh_ , va_ sha_ te^ yeh_ a ci^- la_
shawn_ te pi^ ve ce^ . Te^ g'a^ le le ha leh_ ve
meh^ hpfuh^ she_ leh_ te leh nyi ma sha ja^
ce^ .

Hk'aw_ suh^- sheh^ nyi te^ nyi – Bon tcuh^
pui_ lo k'ai leh naw_ meu^ , k'a_ hk'e^ ve ,
ya^ neh_ hui cehn_ daw^ , bon daw^ paweh^
te ma_ ve , La^ hu_ hk'aw_ ca^ ve li_ hkaw^
hpaw leh paweh^ te ma_ ve ka_ heu^ tcuh-a_
ce^ . Bon kan^- te pa_ hui hta_ ta_ ui_ yaw^ yan
pi^ ve , la_ shawn_ pi^ ve , g'ui_ leh_ te leh
tsuh^ pi^ ve , aw_ han ka_ hpo^ htawn_ ve
dui^ eh_ sha^ eh_ yo_ .

Chi te^ nyi ceh ti^- hk'a^ sheh a^- k'a_ (ma^
he^ k'o) cheh^ kui_ aw_ ti k'eh_ ve bon yeh_
ho_ va^ lo hk'aw_ aw_ hki^ hk'a deh_ shaw_
ta_ kui_ lo k'ai ve ce^ .

Aw⁻ law⁻ chaw^ˇ maw^ˇ , hk'a[^] ho⁻
law_v na_v hui , ku_v ta_{_} ve hkeh⁻ chaw hta_{_}
ta_{_} ui_{_} yaw[^] yan ve hk'aw ya^ˇ neh_v hui chaw
ceu_v veu_v k'a^ˇ hk'a deh_v veu_v , g'ui_v leh_v
tsuh^ˇ pi^ˇ ve , la_v shawn_{_} pi^ˇ ve hta_v te ve
yo_v. Hpaw paweh^ˇ hta_v hk'a[^] sheh awn^ˇ leh ,
shu a_v keh⁻ maw^ˇ ve te^ˇ g'a^ˇ hta_v bon na_v
hkaw^ˇ yaw tcuh leh bon na_v la^ˇ ve ce^ˇ.

Hpaw paweh^ˇ peu_v k'o, haw⁻ hk'a[^] hui
naw_{_} meu[^], k'a_v hk'e[^] ve hta_v te ve yo_v. Ya^ˇ
mi^ˇ chaw maw^ˇ hui aw_v hk'aw_v naw⁻ vaw⁻
leh_v la_v sheh ca⁻leh “ Sha_v shi⁻ sha_v ” te ve
ce^ˇ. Caw^ˇ da_v hui da_v ve tcuh⁻kui_v k'o[^] ga^ˇ
ve ce^ˇ. Ya^ˇ mi^ˇ aw_v mo_{_} , ya^ˇ eh⁻ , ya^ˇ
neh_v hui htaw^ˇ cehn_{_} daw[^] bon daw[^] , sheh_v
heh[^] paweh^ˇ naw te ma_{_} ve nyi sha tcuh-a_v
ce^ˇ.

Te^ˇ paw[^] ya^ˇeh⁻aw_ˇ mo_ , ya^ˇ neh_ˇ aw_ˇ
mo_ hui , li_ˇ hkaw^ˇ hpaw ta_ leh paweh^ˇ te
ve heu^ˇ teh_ˇ teh_ˇ yo_ˇ ce^ˇ.

Chaw maw^ˇ te^ˇ hpa_ , hkeh⁻ chaw hui a⁻ po
k'o hk'aw mui leh aw_ˇ g'a^ˇ pi^ˇ cheh^ˇ ve ce^ˇ.
Aw_ te ca^ˇ yeh_ˇ lo kan⁻ te pa_ ya^ˇ aw_ˇ e hui
kui_ˇ sho^ˇ sho^ˇ te leh aw_ hpfuh_ˇ hu ca_ ve ,
la_ˇ g'ui_ˇ teh taw ve , hkeh⁻chaw leh hk'a[^]
ya^ˇ hui aw_ˇ chaw^ˇ mui_ˇ leh te^ˇ po_ˇ hti ca^ˇ
hti daw_ˇ paweh^ˇ gu hehn^ˇ ve heu_ˇ ja^ˇ , a_ˇ mi-
chi[^] ka_ˇ ha leh_ˇ kan⁻ te ve dui[^]-eh_ sha^ˇ-eh_
yo_ˇ ce^ˇ.

Taw^ˇ pao⁻ pa_ ka_ˇ yaw^ˇ kan⁻ yaw^ˇ te
ja^ˇ. Shi_ pi^ˇ ka^ˇ pi^ˇ tu_ˇ caw_ˇ k'o, aw_ˇhkaw^ˇ
bvuh_ˇ chaweh pao⁻ pi^ˇ hk'a ve ce^ˇ. Pao⁻ tu_ˇ
ma^ˇ caw_ˇ k'o , paweh^ˇ te cheh^ˇ pa_ hui ve
aw_ˇ ho_ˇ aw_ˇ han hta_ˇ aw_ˇ hkaw^ˇ bvuh_ˇ
chaweh ha leh_ˇ tu_ˇ k'o[^] gui^ˇ pi^ˇ cheh^ˇ ve
ce^ˇ.

Mvuh^ˇcha chi[^] htaw^ˇ naw_ meu[^] k'a_
hk'e[^] paweh^ˇ te cheh^ˇ pa_ hui hkan_ g'a^ˇ leh
meh[^] hpfuh^ˇ she_ leh_ paweh^ˇ te g'a cheh^ˇ
ve ce^ˇ.

Ya^ˇ mi^ˇ ha⁻ , chaw ha⁻ hui ka_~ aw_~ hki^ˇ
aw_~ na_~ hk'a deh_~ shaw_ leh , la^ˇhu_ veu_~
k'a^ˇ hk'a deh_~ taw⁻ veu_~ leh , aw_~ han daw^ˇ
gui^ˇ cheh^ˇ ve ka_~ pi_-aw_ ja^ˇ ce^ˇ.

Mvuh^ˇ hpeu_~ hpaw^ˇ aw_ca^ˇ peu_ kan⁻
peu_~ hta^ˇ , ya^ˇ aw_~ e hui ka_~ la^ˇhu_veu_~ k'a^ˇ
suh⁻ taw⁻ ta_ve , hk'a shu-eh_ veu_~ leh
paweh^ˇ k'aw_~ te ma_ ve nyi sha ja^ˇlaw ce^ˇ.
Yaw^ˇ hui aw_~ hpaw^ˇ aw_~ g'a^ˇ pi^ˇ ve la_~
sheh hta suh^{^-} eh_ yo_~ ce^ˇ.

Mvuh^ˇ hpeu_~ hpaw^ˇ k'a_ hk'e[^] paweh^ˇ
ho[^] ve aw_~ yan^ˇ ga_~ la peu_~. Hk'a[^] sheh aw_~
ho⁻ te leh , hk'aw_~ sho keu te peu_~ hta^ˇ heh_~
hk'a peu-e_~ a shu yaw^ˇ a⁻ hk'aw k'o_~-e ve
ce^ˇ.

Hk'aw_~ suh⁻ aw[~] nyi – Haw⁻ hk'a[^] ui_{_} ya[~] ,
i ya[~] hui aw_~ pa⁻ shaw_{_} leh hkaw_{_} daw[^] en_{_}
da_~ ve , ya[~] mi[~] ui_{_} ve , i ve ga⁻ na[^] paw[^]
en_{_} da_~ ve heu_~ ka_~ ha leh_~ ja[~] ce[~].

Hkaw_{_} daw[^] en_{_} da_~ hta[~], mui nyi aw_~
g'a[~] pi[~] pa_{_} hui hta_~ ma[~] g'a heu[^] la tu_~ vui[~]
kui_~ lo mui leh aw_~ g'a[~] pi[~] tcuh ve ce[~].

Chaw ha⁻, ya[~] mi[~] ha⁻ hui hkeh shi_{_} ba_~
gui[~] ve ka_~ pi-aw_{_} ja[~] ce[~]. Ya[~] neh_~ hui
htaw[~] aw_~ chaw[~] chaw[~] ha leh_~ tu_~ hkeh shi_{_}
ba_~ da_~ gui[~] ve ce[~]. Shon[~] ve te[~] g'a[~] k'o ,
hkao_{_} mon[~] vui_~ ca_{_} da_~ ve ce[~].

Hk'aw_~ ca[~] hta[~] shin⁻ nyi hta_~ ma[~] shaw_{_}
ce[~]. Hk'aw_~ hta[~] chaw suh pui⁻ law k'o ka_~
ma[~] shaw_{_} aw_~ hk'aw_~ naw⁻ te[~] nyi g'a
k'aw_~ te ve ce[~].

Hk'a[^]sheh geh k'a_hk'e[^]peu_~ ta⁻hta[~]-
eh_{_} aw_~ nu te[~] hk'a[^]lo ca gui[~]-e hpeh_~ ve
ce[~].

Hk'aw_~ suh⁻ nga[~] nyi , hkaw_~ nyi , suh_~ nyi
hk'a ga_~ vui[~] kui_~ aw_~ vi⁻ aw_~ nyi geh ca
gui[~] to[~] ve hta_~ te ve ce[~]. Hi⁻nyi bi[~]peu_~ leh
k'aw[~] nyi te[~] shaw⁻ hta[~], hk'aw_~ taw[^]-e leh
sha_~ baw[^] , law_~ k'a⁻ nga[~] ca ve hta_~ te ve
ce[~]. Chi leh_~ la[~]hu_~ ya[~] ve aw_~ li[~], ha leh_~
tu_~ hpeh_~ ve yo_~ ce[~].

Na u⁻di_~ leh aw_~ chaw[~] hui ci_~ hk'aw_~,
hk'aw_~ aw_~ hkui⁻ pui_~ tan_~ leh peu_~ hta[~]
hk'a ga_~ g'a pi-aw_~ ta⁻ ve pa taw nyi hk'a[~]
suh ha leh_~ ja[~] ce[~]. Neh⁻ hk'aw_~ te[~] paw[^]
dui[^]- eh_~ sha[~]- eh_~ k'aw_~ pi-aw_~ gui[~] tu_~ nyi
ma hk'aw k'aw_~ cha[^] kui ta_~ ve ce[~].

“ Ha_~ pehn[~] ve hk'a[^] ” k'o[^] ve hk'a shu_~
hk'aw_~ ca[~] paweh[~] te[~] ma_~ lon⁻ de[~] da_~ ya_~
da_~ ve ma[~] caw_~, caw[~] da_~ hui da_~ ve hk'aw
te[~] nyi te[~] ceu_~ aw_~ hk'a[~] gu leh g'a ha leh_~
ta⁻ ve hk'a[^] sheh leh hk'a[^] ya[~] hui hk'a peu-
e_~ ha leh_~ nyi hk'a[~] suh ja[~] ce[~].

Aw_v nu te^v hk'a[^] g'a^v ca hk'aw_~ la ve
k'a_{_} hk'e[^] pa_{_} hui hta_~ la_~ k'aw_{_} hpo[^] ca⁻
pi^v leh, hk'a[^] sheh aw_v to,
“ Neh⁻ hk'aw_~ te^v paw[^] ha leh_v ha k'a te^v
paw[^] k'aw_~ maw_v da_~-a le^v" ce^v.

Chi hk'aw_~ la^v hu_{_} ya^v ve hk'aw_~ ca^v
paweh^v dui[^] dui[^] sha^v sha^v la^v hu_{_} ya^v ve
daw^v naw^v tu_v te^v ceu_v yo_v.

