

ALLA (LULLABY)

Alla (**Lullaby**) is a song that is sung to infant babies by their mothers while lulling them to sleep. Its lyrics are created taking into consideration the mother's mood and condition in an impromptu manner. Mother enters into communication with her baby, who does not understand any word, with the means of words and music and tries to pacify the baby by expressing her dreams and expectations.

Lullaby is a means of communication which can spiritually connect the mother and the baby. Melodies that are used in the lullaby come from the mother's current mood and condition and they may be just appeared in the mother's mind at that very moment.

Almost all lullabies contain the word "allayo, alla", these words may appear after every line or at the end of every two lines.

Alla singing skills are inherited by young girls from their mothers in a natural way and as such do not require special training. Young girls while playing together with their peers and by imitating their mothers, try to sing these kinds of songs. They try to remember the words of alla songs sung by their mothers to them and by so doing gradually invent their own "alla songs".

You are my eyesight, allayo.
My lovely words allayo,
Alla my child, allayo.
My sweet soul allayo.

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You are my little tulip
Alla my child, allayo.
When will you grow up?
Alla my child, allayo.

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Ordorous flowers through the
garden
Alla my lamb, alla
Mockingbirds are singing
Alla my lamb, alla

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Alla, alla, allayey
My girl with golden curls.
Educated, smart girl
Alla my lamb, alla

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Alla my lamb, take it my lamb
Apples are so tasty.
Figs are sweet as honey,
Alla my child, Alla

