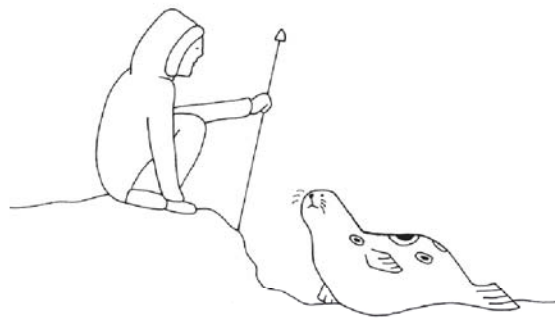


FATHER'S SONG FOR A NEWBORN SON

Welcome my son
go and be nursed
your mother's breasts are full
go and drink
Aja, drink heartily
so you can be a seal hunter
like your father
like your grandfather
and so every seal on the ice
will sing to you:
Please stick your harpoon in me



DRUM SONG AGAINST AN ANGRY HUSBAND

My enemy calls me a thief
he says I stole his wife
my friends, I did steal her
took her from her sleeping skins
aja, right from her sleeping skins
and it was not wrong to do so
for he didn't have songs to keep her
only now does he sing about her
only now when it's too late
He never once sang songs to her
who cried in her tent all alone
My friends, she is my wife now



SONG FOR A NEW WIFE

My wife, my dear wife
wipe away your tears
for this island is your home now
the best island in the world
here you'll have suet to eat
and seal eyes, luscious seal eyes
the best seal eyes in the world

SIGNAL SONG

Of my prey
I sing
we met up north
we chased each other from floe to floe
but I was the better hunter
I sang a lullaby to him
and he fell asleep on the ice
A bear
a great bear I've brought home from the north
and life is just fine

