

(a)

ሃብጽካባዊ	bàlákàwúli	unexpectedness; sandgrouse (a kind of bird)
ሠፕስል	játùrú	hyena
ሃያሃፍት	kòlijí	washing water
የሻይ	wàlá	slate
ተሃባለሀ	kúmayira	advertising
ሃተጋሰቢዮች	tùbabumóri	Christian priest
ጋቲንዘዎች	?	uncircumcised boy
የሐሳብ	?	match-seller
?	kòrikóri	rust
?	báwò	because

(b)

Ἰἶλῑῑῑ	márajàba	hail!
ἰἰἰἰἰἰἰ	jílasama	hippopotamus
ἸἰἰἰἰἰḐἰἰ	kòrəkaraśí	gerontocracy
ἰἰἰ	kàna	may it be that
ἰἰἰḐἰἰἰἰ	bàsitéme	wide-meshed sieve
ἰἰἰḐἰἰἰἰἰἰἰ	nàmátòrokó	hyena
ḐḐḐḐḐ	?	rainbow
ἰἰἰἰἰ	?	light (of a lamp)
ἰḐḐḐḐḐ	?	a kind of midges; honey from such midges
?	jàmanaké	the joys, pleasures of youth
?	létεε	letter, missive
?	bìlakóro	uncircumcised boy

In the Roman script **j** = *j* in *judge*, **y** = *y* in *yay!*, **ε** ≈ *a* in *hat*, **ɔ** ≈ *a* in *hall*. The marks **◌̇** and **◌̈** indicate high and low tone (level of voice when pronouncing the syllable), respectively; if neither is present, the syllable has middle tone.

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