

SONG # 1

Teniya (Little Pail)

This song was written with a little girl in mind - she loves to dance for her grandparents. I took the liberty of using Mary Ann Gargan's Slavey name, Teniya meaning 'little pail'. This is a happy dance song. The children can get up and dance. What a novel little idea ! Mary Ann is such a kind and good natured person, I can't be too far off in portraying her as such in all of these words - chosen just for her.

VERSE: Teniya, Teniya súzhe
 Setsy seké néélu
 Teniya, Teniya súzhe
 Nezy met'áh daehtle
 Seké séé dahthela
 Seké séé aezhóle ajá

Little Pail Little Pail is my name
 My grandmother made me new shoes
 Little Pail Little Pail is my name
 I dance very good with them
 My feet are flying in the air
 My feet are very very light.

CHORUS: Teniya, Teniya, Teniya
 Nezy náditáh
 Teniya, Teniya, Teniya
 Nezy náditáh
 Danetlegha sá?agúhjá Teniya
 Danetlegha sá?agúhjá Teniya

Little Pail Little Pail Little Pail
 Make your steps carefully
 Little Pail Little Pail Little Pail
 Make your steps carefully
 The time for you to dance is just right
 The time for you to dance is just right

VERSE: Teniya, Teniya súzhe
 Setsie séé legotáh
 Teniya, Teniya súzhe
 Nezy megha daehtle
 Seké séé dahthela
 Seké aezhóle ajá

Little Pail Little Pail is my name
 My grandfather is stomping his feet
 Little Pail Little Pail is my name
 I dance my best for him
 My feet are flying in the air
 My feet are very very light