

## Drago mi beshe, male mo

1. Drago mi beshe, male mo,  
ot blizo liube da liubia,  
ot blizo komshiikata si.
2. Na dvor da izliaza vidjam ia,  
v kūshti da vliaza chuvam ia./2
3. Az imam bratets po-goliam  
toi kaul, mamō, ne stana,  
che ma s kiria izprati,
4. Che ma s kiria izprati,  
s kiria v gorna Sofia,  
sinio jeliazo da karam.
5. Az hodih, mamō, vŕnah sa,  
putia mi beshe krai selo.  
Az go prez selo napraih
6. Da vidia Rada sho pravi,  
tŭche li tŭnki darove  
leneni lenkoprineni.

It made me very happy, mother, to love the next-door neighbor girl. Anytime I went out in our backyard I could see her, or if I was inside the house I could hear her. But my older brother didn't approve of us, so he sent me to Sofia to trade blue iron. When I came back to the village, I didn't use the usual road around the village, but chose the road through the village to pass by Stanka's home to see what she was doing, whether she was weaving dowry gifts of linen and silk.