

Kara li ta, Ruske le

1. Kara li ta, Ruske le, tvoina stara maika,
kara li ta, Ruske le, ranko budi li ta? /2
2. Ni ma kara, baino lio, nai ma ranko budi,
i ma prashta, baino lio, nah Dunav za voda./2
3. Nai ma prashta, baino lio, nah Dunav za voda,
ie ne znaem, baino lio, Dunav otde ide,
ie ne znaem, baino lio, Dunav kade hodi.
4. Dunav ide, Ruske le, ot dalechna zeme,
i sa vliva, Ruske le, vŭv Chornono more./2

“Hey Ruska, does your old mother make you wake up early? Is she always telling you what to do?” “She doesn't always tell me what to do, but she does wake me up early and send me to the Danube River to fetch water. I don't know where the Danube comes from or where it goes.” “The Danube comes from a land far away, Ruska, and it empties into the Black Sea.”