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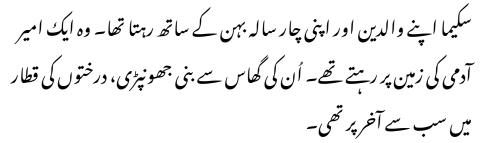
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Sakima lived with his parents and his four year old sister. They lived on a rich man's land. Their grassthatched hut was at the end of a row of trees.

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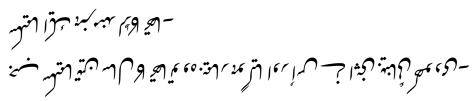


امیر آدمی اپنے بیٹے کو دوبارہ دیکھ کر بہت خوش تھا۔ اُس نے سکیما کو اُس کی حوصلہ افزائی کے لیے انعام دیا۔ وہ اپنے بیٹے اور سکیما کو لے کر ہسپتال گیا تاکہ سکیما کی نظر دوبارہ واپس آسکے۔

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The rich man was so happy to see his son again. He rewarded Sakima for consoling him. He took his son and Sakima to hospital so Sakima could regain his sight.





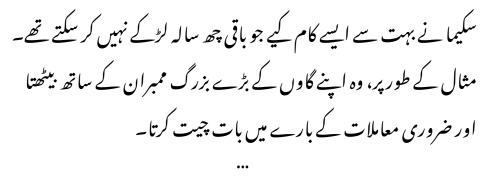
When Sakima was three years old, he fell sick and lost his sight. Sakima was a talented boy.



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At that very moment, two men came carrying someone on a stretcher. They had found the rich man's son beaten up and left on the side of the road.





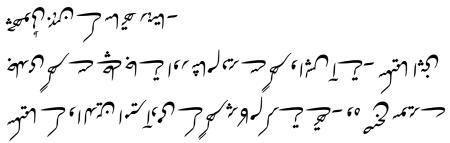
Sakima did many things that other six year old boys did not do. For example, he could sit with older members of the village and discuss important matters.



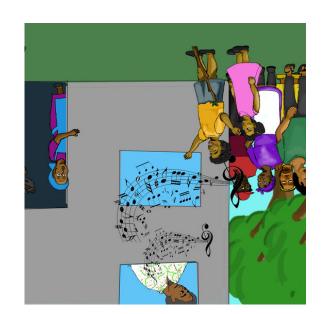
سکیما نے اپنا گانا ختم کیا اور واپس جانے کے مڑا۔ لیکن امیر آدمی بھاگتا ہوا باہر آیا اور کہا مہر بانی کرکے دوبارہ گاو۔

Sakima finished singing his song and turned to leave. But the rich man rushed out and said, "Please sing again."





The parents of Sakima worked at the rich man's house. They left home early in the morning and returned late in the evening. Sakima was left with his little sister.



The workers stopped what they were doing. They listened to Sakima's beautiful song. But one man said, "Nobody has been able to console the boss. Does this blind boy think he will console him?"



سکیما کو گانے گانا بہت پسند تھا۔ ایک دن اُس کی ماں نے پوچھا سکیما تم یہ گانے کہاں سے سیکھتے ہو؟

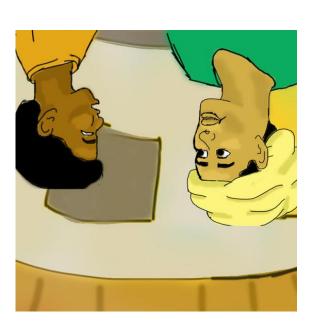
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Sakima loved to sing songs. One day his mother asked him, "Where do you learn these songs from, Sakima?"



وہ ایک بڑکی کھڑی کے نیچے کھڑا ہو گیا اور اپنا پسندیدہ گانا گانے لگا۔ دھیرے دھیرے، اُس امیر آدمی کا سر کھڑکی سے نظر آنے لگا۔

He stood below one big window and began to sing his favourite song. Slowly, the head of the rich man began to show through the big window.



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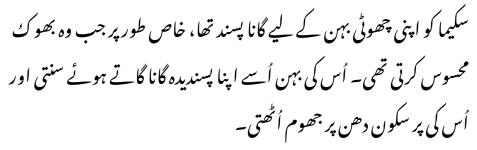
Sakima answered, "They just come, mother. I hear them in my head and then I sing."



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The following day, Sakima asked his little sister to lead him to the rich man's house.





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Sakima liked to sing for his little sister, especially, if she felt hungry. His sister would listen to him singing his favourite song. She would sway to the soothing tune.



حتیٰ کہ سکیمانے ہار نہیں مانی۔ اُس کی چھوٹی بہن نے اُسے سہارا دیا اُس نے کہا سکیما کے گانے مجھے سکون بخشتے ہیں جب میں بھوکی ہوتی ہوں۔ یہ اُس کو بھی ضرور راحت دیں گے۔

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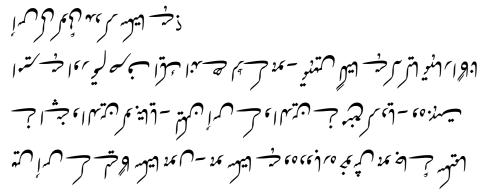
However, Sakima did not give up. His little sister supported him. She said, "Sakima's songs soothe me when I am hungry. They will soothe the rich man too."



over and over again.

would beg him. Sakima would accept and sing it

"Can you sing it again and again, Sakima," his sister



you think your song will help him?" him. "He is very rich. You are only a blind boy. Do Sakima told his parents. But his parents dismissed "I can sing for him. He might be happy again,"

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ایک شام جب اُس کے والدین گھر آئے وہ بہت خاموش تھے۔ سکیما جانتا تھا کہ کچھ غلط ہے۔

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One evening when his parents returned home, they were very quiet. Sakima knew that there was something wrong.



کیا پریشانی ہے؟ امی ابو؟ سکیما نے پوچھا۔ سکیما کو پتہ چلا کہ امیر آدمی کا بیٹا غائب ہے۔ وہ آدمی بہت اکیلا اور اُداس ہے۔

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"What is wrong, mother, father?" Sakima asked. Sakima learned that the rich man's son was missing. The man was very sad and lonely.