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INC: "RAIN DREAMING  AT GALIBINYBA " W . DJAMBIDJINBA
IN THE DREAMTIME RED WINGED PARROT GIRL AND HER LOVER SPINNEY LIZARD BOY CROSSED THE SEA TO ESCAPE FROM THEIR PARENTS WHO DISAPPROVED OF THEIR LOVE. THEY LANDED AT DARWIN AND MADE CAMP BY A BILLABONG. SPINNEY LIZARD BOY WENT OUT HUNTING TO THE SOUTH WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN, RED WINGED PARROT GIRL LAMENTED “OH WHERE IS MY LOVE, WHERE IS MY LOVE.” RED WINGED PARROT GIRL SET OUT TO THE SOUTH TO FIND HIM. SHE SHED TEARS WHICH FELL AS RAIN WHEREVER SHE WENT, FROM BROOME TO PERTH TO CEDUNA TO GEELONG. SHE SEARCHED FOR HER LOVE LAMENTING “OH WHERE IS MY LOVE, WHERE IS MY LOVE.” HER TEARS FORMED STREAMS AND GULLIES WHEREEVER SHE WENT, FROM SYDNEY TO CAIRNS TO ALICE SPRINGS TO BURKE. ALL OVER THE LAND SHE WENT LAMENTING “OH WHERE IS MY LOVE?” EACH GIRL SHE MET IN HER DREAMS SHE CAME TO SEE IF THEIR LOVE WAS HER LOST LOVER. IN EACH GIRLS DREAMS SHE HOPEDED TO FIND HER LOST LOVE AT NIGHT. SHE CAME TO GIRLS DREAM WORLD TO DANCE AND SING WITH THEIR LOVERS, HOPING THAT IT WAS HER LOST SPINNEY LIZARD BOY. WHEN EACH GIRL MET HER LOVER, RED WINGED PARROT GIRL WAS THEIR IN THEIR MINDS. HOPING TO FIND HER LOST LOVER. WHENEVER IT RAINS, IT IS RED WINGED PARROT GIRL CRYING RAIN. BECAUSE SHE DID NOT FIND HER LOVER IN THE DREAMS OF A GIRL.
Berrigan  Berrigan

Neath wattle

From the kiss of thee

From the kiss of thee

My breasts kangaroo apple little buds

Kangaroo apple little buds

Grow plump to the nipples blood floods

From the kiss of thee

From the kiss of thee

Berrigan Berrigan

Alinga
On river bank

Skwark skwark

To cockatoo black screech

Nowra Nowra

We made love

Skwark skwark

To cockatoo black screech

Neath cool trees

Colour of cloud leaves

To cockatoo black screech

Skwark skwark

We made love

Kala
Black clouds sparking with fire
Turbulent sky
Boom boom
Smoldering clouds rush by
The moon full Miki and I with desire
Turbulent sky
Boom boom
Orchid petals lay about
Making love through out the night
Turbulent sky
Boom boom
In loves throws I shout
Making love through out the night
Gymea
Sun shower
At noon day hour
In tea tree mia mia Nambur and I
Ta ta tatatata ta ta tatatata
Rain drops on roof
Ta ta tatatata ta ta tatatata
Nambur and I
To the rain drops on roof
Ta ta tatatata ta ta tatatata
In loves rhythm
To rain drops on roof
Ta ta tatatata ta ta tatatata

Alkina

The wind Barega

Carries our sighs

Carries or sighs

Barega to the starry sky

Carries our sighs

Elouera
On riverbank hidden in reeds

Balun and I hidden in reeds

Crows fly up

Fark fark

Giving us away hidden in reads

Fark fark

Our legs curled together hidden in reeds

Crows fly up

Giving us away hidden in reads

Fark fark

Amarina
To meet

Uwan calls

Going for flowers to murrumbidgee

Flower petals on secret love bed

In bush thickest I conceal

Unwan calls

Leaves scattering the sunlight

Unwan calls

Shadows dance in noon day sun

My breasts heave ripe wild fruit

Unwan calls

Kamballa
White cockatoo White cockatoo
Arunta  Arunta
Beating wings scattering
Upwards beating wings
Legs arms going weak
Arunta  Arunta
Your love hears them
Upwards beating wings
Legs arms going weak

**Akala**

Summer sun midday rays
Leaf  scorched by sunlight
Marron our love cries
Hidden by cicada hum
Elouera
Clouds rippling thunder

Broom broom broom

Broom broom broom

Nights of scents and blown petals

Winds in the tangled acacia

Lightning flashes the trees

In quite resting place

Allambee and me

In quite resting place

Hot limbs entwined

Like vines in the tree

Allambee and me

Camira
Under burning sun

White cockatoos to mates call

Noopil noopil

Jikiding jikiding

Noopil noopil

Picking herbs

Over bent

Over bent

Prickly lizard scurries by

Kami slips his fingers

Over bent

Between hot thighs

Over bent

Kami his fingers slid

Between hot thighs

Over bent

**Alinga**
At sunset
Orange sun
On Barwon banks
Hair scattered
Kangaroo teeth necklace flying about
Hair scattered
Mounting Adoni
Half-flying
Mounting Adoni
We make love without deceit
Hair scattered

Ellin
Awake you start
Awake you start
To crested pigeons
Yoowoori yoowoori yoowoori
Yoowoori yoowoori yoowoori

On sand Daku grips me
Deflowered red ochre blood
Yoowoori yoowoori yoowoori
Yoowoori yoowoori yoowoori
Yoowoori yoowoori yoowoori
Red flowers sprout
Red flowers sprout
Deflowered red ochre blood
On sand Daku grips me

Lowanna
In hollow
In grass
I flatten grass
Conceal myself
Listening
Listening
Matari my man is coming
Sound of dry leaves
Matari my man is coming
I go to water
In hollow
Matari my man is coming

Alinga
Moon stars vanished
Alkina and I
Monsoon clouds rush by
Frogs croaking
Burrp burrp burrp burrp
Wet flowers fragrant
Darkness creaking with insects
Chuurp chuurp churrp churrp
Beating hearts
Face to face
Close embrace
Lips to lips
Close embrace
The seasons turn
Our bodies never apart
Lips to lips
Close embrace
Burrp burrp burrp burrp

Alinga
Will Barega chase me
Like the wind I run
Will Barega chase me
Will Barega chase me
Giggling giggling
Like the wind I run
My breasts sway
Plump breasts sway
Hips sway hips sway
Will Barega chase me
Giggling giggling

**Burilda**

Body coming
Coming inside Balun
River in a lake
Coming inside him
Great flood
Coming inside him
Legs flung wide
Quavering sigh
Crease in my body
Climax subsides

**Connewarre**