

Penguin Young Readers Chants

The Waters of Life

British English

Level 3

Chant 1: The Waters of Life

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!

Save your wife

And your people

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!

Go and look

For the medicine

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!

The god Manitou

Gives medicine

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!

Go quickly!

It will be too late

Chant 2: The Waters of Life

Look for the waters of life, Nekumonta

Look for the waters of life

Find the waters of life, Nekumonta

And Shanewis will live

Nekumonta, you saved us!

You found the waters of life

Our people will always remember you

And Shanewis does live

Chant 3: Krishna and the River Snake

Under green water

Swims Kaliya

Kaliya the king of snakes

Looking for a new home

Under green water

Kaliya the king of snakes

Kaliya swims

And kills everything

Kaliya the king of snakes

Under green water

Swims Kaliya

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Kaliya the king of snakes

Chant 4: Krishna and the River Snake

Krishna's dancing
Dancing on Kaliya
His feet hit Kaliya
Again and again

Krishna's dancing
The great god's dancing
Kaliya and his wife
Must swim away

Krishna's dancing
Dancing on Kaliya
His feet hit Kaliya
Again and again

Chant 5. White Cloud Fairy

One little white cloud
Up in the blue sky
White Cloud Fairy
Heard the woman's cry

One little white cloud
Up in the blue sky
White Cloud Fairy
Heard the baby cry

One little white cloud
Up in the sky said
Poor little baby
and she cried too

White Cloud Fairy
Crying in the sky
Made the river run
and the water flow

Chant 6. White Cloud Fairy

Sand in the river
No more water
The Sand God blew
He blew and blew

Sand over villages

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Sand over towns
The Sand God blew
He blew and blew

Sand is everywhere
The water has gone
The Sand God blew
He blew and blew

Chant 7. White Cloud Fairy

White Cloud Fairy
Puts the moon down
A moon lake!

The Sand God
blows sand
No moon lake!

White Cloud Fairy
Blows it back!
Moon lake