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SUTARTINE
VOLUNGELE
VIDUR LAUKU
NESIGRAUDYK, MERGUZELE
KAIP AS JOJAU PER ZALIA
GIRELA
VAI LEIDZIA DUODA

OI AS ISEJAU AN DVARO
OI SMUTNAS LIUDNAS
VAIKSCIO' MOCIUTE
VAI BROLI
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MERGELE GRAZI
OI STOVI STOVI

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GENERAL REMARKS

The music of Lithuanian folksongs shows a considerable difference in melodic structure from the folksongs of neighboring peoples, the Slavs and Germans. The most interesting aspects of Lithuanian songs are their rhythm and tonality. Typical is the frequent changes of measure, e.g. the alternation from 3/4 to 2/4, or from 3/8 to 4/8, and vice versa. The ancient modes of church music or the so-called Dorian, Phrygian, Mixolydian, Aeolian and other modes are frequent. In the southern part of the country, emong the Dzükai, the old songs still are sung in one voice; they have preser-ved their ancient rhythmic and harmonic structure and sound somewhat Oriental. The singing in thirds for two voices is of recent origin and came to Lithuania from Germany in about the middle of the 19th Century. It caused a change from ancient minor to a rather artificial major tonality. All the factors mentioned above caused a great variety of melodies and sometimes a stranger may wonder whether it is true that the real folk singer sings in such a manner. However, he does, as the specimens on this record show.

CHORAL ROUNDS

The ordinary lyrical, work song or ballad is called daina. The oldest and most primitive kind of singing, now almost extinct, was performed in choral rounds (sutartinės) and sung in gatherings during work or dance. The choral rounds are sung by women in two, three or even four parts. The first part is called the leader or the collector (rinkėja), and the second part is called the accompanist (patarėja). The latter is silent at first; later she begins to sing the same melody together with the leader a second higher or lower. The third part enters later, too. The singing is contrapunctal and goes in parallel seconds with a very sharp rhythm. Typical are the long meaningless refrains. Sometimes the whole song consists of meaningless sounds. In 1936-1939, the Lithmanian Folklore Archives was able to record on phonograph discs 336 such choral rounds (among approximately 7,000 ordinary songs). The same arrangement in choral rounds is employed in the music played by men on their traditional instruments, such as kanklės (a kind of zither), skudučiai

(pan-pipes) and trimital or trimbos (an orchestra of five wooden trumpets). Quite a number of the music scores

Quite a number of the music scores of sutartinės, transcribed from folk singers or phonograph records, have been published: A. Sabaliauskas, Lietuvių daimų ir giesmių gaidos, Helsinki, 1916, nos. 444-593; S. Šimkus, Lietuvių liaudies dainos, Kaunas, 1937, pt. 1, nos. 30-41; and J. Čiurlionytė in Tautosakos Darbai vol. V, Kaunas, 1938, nos. 96-117. Similar art of singing is found among primitive peoples and in some regions of the Balkans (see C.Rihtman, "Les formes polyphoniques dans la musique populaire de Bosnie et d'Herzegovine" in Journal of the International Folk Music Gouncil, London, 1952, v. 4, p. 30-35).

A specimen of Lithuanian <u>sutartine</u> is given below from Simkus' collection, no. 32. The Alice Stephens Singers in Chicago included some <u>sutartines</u>, all from Simkus' collection, in their repertoire; however, the performance was received by the audience without enthusiasm; the taste of people has changed.

RECORDING OF DAINA IN THE U.S.

All the songs on this record have been recorded in 1949-1950 from the first generation of the Lithuanian immigrants to the U.S. They preserved the traditional songs of their Old Country surprisingly well. My survey was sponsored by the Lithuanian American Council, The American Philosophical Society, and Indiana University. More than 1,000 selected songs were recorded on tape. For collector's reports on this survey see: Journal of the International Folk Music Council, London, 1951, v. 3, p. 67-70; and Four Symposia on Folklore (Indiana University Folklore Series, No. 2) 1052 n. 74-78

8), 1953, p. 74-78.

The second and third generation of Lithuanian immigrants, even if some of them speak poor Lithuanian, like to practice their traditional songs and dances. However, they usually receive some musical education and are guided by professional musicians. The old fashioned singing is still practiced, e.g. at banquets and picnics. Several chorus and dance troups, cultivating Lithuanian folksongs and dances, exist in the U.S. Best known are the troups of Ateitis and Dainava both in Chicago, and the Ciurlionis Assemble in Cleveland.

LITERATURE

Two outstanding collections of Lithuanian folksongs should be mentioned: Christian Bartsch, Daimi Balsai, Melodien Litauischer Volkslieder, 2 vols., Heidelberg, 1886-1889 (contains 392 melodies, texts and comments in German); J. Ciurlionytė, Lithuanian Folk-Melodies (in: Tautosakos Darbai, vol. V), Kaunas, 1938 (contains 350 melodies, original texts, a study on Lithuanian ethnographic music, and a bibliography, all in Lithuanian). An important study published in German by T. Brazys is "Die Singweisen der litauischen Dainos" in Tauta ir Zodis, Kaunas, 1926, v. 4, p. 3-50 (with music notes). A general orientation on text and music of Lithuanian folksongs is given in English in the following publications by: B. Sruoga in Folk-Lore, London, 1932, v. 43, p. 301-324; J. Zilevičius in The Musical Quarterly, New York, 1935, v. 21, no. 1, p. 99-106 (on native musical instruments); U. Katzenelenbogen in his book The Daina, Chi-

cago, 1935; V. Jakubénas in <u>Lithuanian Bulletin</u>, New York, 1947, v. 5, no. 11; J. Balys in <u>Standard Dictionary of Folklore</u>, etc., New York, 1950, v. 2, p. 628-31. A bibliography is given in <u>Folklore Musical</u>, Paris, 1939, v. 2, p. 160-70.

NOTES ON THE RECORDINGS

Texts of songs selected for this record are translated into English as literally as possible, but not with metrical or rhythmi-

cal faithfulness.

Song types are indicated according to the classification given in my book Lithmanian Narrative Folksongs (A Treasury of Lithmanian Folklore, IV. Washington, 1954). The book gives a short description of more popular ballad types, a complete bibliography, references to foreign parallels, and occasional remarks on the song's history.

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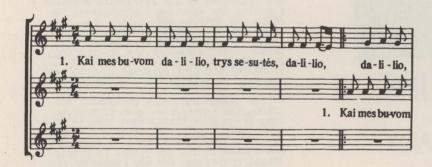
Chicago.

All the performers of songs are non-professional folk singers.



RECORDING OF SONGS IN GARY, INDIANA, BY THE AUTHOR IN 1949
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SIDE I, BAND 1: SUTARTINE -- CHORAL ROUND.







- Vienam darže dalilio baltos rožės dalilio
- Antram darže dalilio. žalios rūtos dalilio,
- Trečiam darže dalilio, diemedėlis dalilio.
- 1. When we were living
 Three sisters all together.
- 2. We had Each a flower garden.
- 3. In one garden There were white roses.
- 4. In the second Green rue flowers.
- 5. And in the third Lady's love bush.

Refrain: Dalilio, dalilio, dalilio (meaningless)

Performed by seven members (all natives of Chicago) of Alice Stephens Singers, 1949.

SIDE I, BAND 2: VOLUNGELE -- THE LITTLE GOLDEN ORIOLE

- Volungėlė sakė: čiūta. Lakštingėlė sakė: rūta. Čiūtela, mėtela, Čeborėlis, volungėlė, Čiūta rytoj.
- 2. -Aš tau pirksiu čebatėlius. - O aš neimsiu. Volungėlė sakė, etc.
- 3. -Aš tau pirksiu skarutėlę. -O aš neimsiu. Volungėlė sakė, etc.
- The little goldenoriole said: chuta.
 The little nightingale said: rue. Chutela, little myrtle, Cheborelis, little golden oriole, Chuta to-morrow.
- 2. -I will buy you little shoes.
 -And I will not accept. The little golden oriole, etc.

J. -I will buy you a little scarf.-And I will not accept. The little golden oriole, etc.

A primitive dance song with a long almost meaningless refrain (stanza 1). almost meaningless refrain (stanza 1). The word "chita" means something smart, neat, or elegant. A women dance "Chityta" is known from Kipiškis (East Lithuania). A similar refrain "Chita ruta, chite/a, rute/a" has a ritual song of St. Petrus' day noted down in the environs of Vilnius (see https://example.com/html/stanza-1858, No. 3. D. 133). sbornik, 1858, No. 3, p. 133).

Performed by Mrs. V. Kasparaitis, b. 1905 in Raginėnai Village, Šeduva Parish (immigrant in 1931), and Mrs. V. Kapočius, b. 1907 in Meldiniai Village, Rozalimas Parish (immigrant in 1934). Recorded July 28, 1949, in Racine, Wis.



VERONIKA KASPERAITIS WITH HER FAMILY

SIDE I, BAND 3: VIDUR LAUKU -- IN THE MIDST OF THE FIELDS

- 1. Vidur laukų vėjelis pūtė, An marelių vilne Žį mušė.
- 2. Skenda, plaukia graži merga, 13. Retavoke mani jaumų, Jos vainikai viršum plaukia. Mano žalius vainikėlius.
- 3. Vaikščioj' tėvulis pamarėmi, 14. Mano žalius vainikėlius Pamarėmi, pakraštėm'.
- 4. -Vai tėvule, vai širdela, Retavoke mani jaunų.
- 5. Retavoke mani jaunų, Mano žalius vainikėlius.
- Mano žalius vainikėlius Ir šilkelio kasnykėlius.
- 7. -Vai dukrela, mana miela, Labai rodas retavote.
- 8. Aš nemoku toli plaukte, Aš nedristu pasbrydėte.

(Omitted:)

Skandyk, Dieve, jaunystėlį, Išnešk, Dieve, vainikėlį.

- Vidur laukų vėjelis pūtė, An marelių vilne į mušė.
- Skenda, plaukia graži merga, Jos vainikai viršum plaukia.
- ll. Vaikščioj' bernelis pamarėmi, Pamarėmi, pakraštėm'.

- 12. -Vai berneli, dobi/eli, Retavoke mani jaunų.
- Ir šilkelio kasnykėlius.
- 15. Vai mergela, lelijėla, Labai rodas retavote.
- 16. Labai rodas retavote, Tai aš moku toli plaukte.
- 17. fai aš moku toli plaukte, Tai aš dristu pasbrydėt'
- 18 Skandyk, Dieve, vainikėli, Išnešk, Dieve, jaunystėli.
- 1. In the midst of the fields the wind is blowing, The waves on the sea are beating high. 13-14. (Repetition of stanzas 5-6.)
- 2. A beautiful girl is swimming and about 15. -Oh, my dear girl, my lily, to be drowned. I am truly willing to save you. to be drowned, Her wreaths float on the surface.
- 3. The father walks on the sea shore, On the sea shore, on the coast.
- 4. -Oh, my dear father, oh, my dear heart. Save me, a young girl.

Singer: Mrs. E. Pigagiene, b. 1884 in Perloja. Immigrant in 1905. Recorded Sept. 2, 1949, in Brockton, Mass.

- 5. Save me, a young girl, And my green wreaths.
- 6. And my green wreaths, And my silken ribbons.
- 7. -Oh, my daughter, my dear, I am truly willing to save you.
- 8. But I am not skilled in swimming far, I do not dare to wade.

(Omitted:)

God, let the young maiden drown, God, carry out safe her wreath.

- 9-10. (Repetition of stanzas 1-2.)
- 11. A young boy walks on the sea shore, On the sea shore, on the coast.
- 12. Oh, dear youth, you little clover, Save me, a young girl.

- 16. I am truly willing to save you, I am skilled in far swimming.
- I am skilled in swimming far, 17. And I dare to wade.

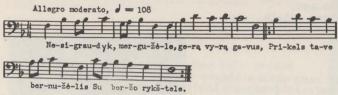
God, let drown the wreath, God, carry out safe the young maiden.

Type A73. In the middle of the song, the drowning girl asked in just the same way her mother, brother and sister for help, however, all refused but the young boy. The song belongs to the cycle of "Resong belongs to the cycle of "Redeeming by lover" which has a wide

dissemination and consists of numerous versions.

In the Lithuanian folklore the rue flower or girl's wreath symbolizes her innocence, virginity, or maidenhood. Steady epithets are: "the white lily" for a girl, and "clover" for a boy.

SIDE I, BAND 4: NESIGRAUDYK, MERGUZELE -- DO NOT BE SORROWFUL, LITTLE GIRL



Type Bl3.7. A wedding song.

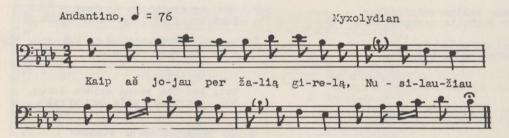
Singer: Mrs. Motiejus Navickas, b. 1877 in Great Kirsna Village, Rudamina Parish. Immigrant in 1894. Recorded Sept. 27, 1949, in Scranton, Pa.

- Nesigraudyk, mergužėle, Gerą vyrą gavus.
 Prikels tave bernužėlis) Su beržo rykštele.
- Nesiprauskie, mergužėle, Baltųjų veidelių. Nupraus tave bermužėlis) Gailiom ašarėlėm.
- Nesišukuok, mergužėle, Geltonų kaselių. Sušukuos (ias) bermužėlis Su jojo nageliais.
- 4. Nesirūpyk, mergužėle, Ką turėsi valgyt. Pavalgydys bermužėlis Graudžiom ašarėlėm.

- 1. Do not be sorrowful, my little gi You got a good husband. The boy will awaken you With a wand of birch.
- 2. Do not wash, my little girl, Your white face. Your boy will make you to wash With your woeful tears.
- 3. Do not comb, my little girl, Your yellow braids. The boy will comb them With his finger-nails.
- 4. Do not be worried, my little girl Over what you shall eat. Your boy will feed you With your woeful tears.

JOJAU

SIDE I, BAND 5: KAIP ASAPER ZALIA GIRELA -- RIDING ACROSS A FOREST OF GREEN



pu-ti-no rykš-te-lą. Nu- si-lau-žiau pu-ti-no rykš-tel'.

- Kaip aš jojau per žalią girelą, Nusilaužiau putino rykštelą. (2)
- 2. Nusilaužiau putino rykštelą, Ir sukirtau žirgą per galvelą. (2)
- Ir sukirtau žirgą per galvelą, Ir nupuožė putino vuogežė. (2)
- 4. Ir mupuolė putino vuogelė, Ir pamynė žirgas po koje įėm. (2)
- 5. -01 žirgeli, žirge juodbėrėli, Ar muneši invuošvio dvareli? (2)
- 6. Ar nuneši in wošvio dvareli, Ar atkelsi galveļi vartelius? (2)
- 7. Ar atkelsi galve i vartelius, Ar mušluosi vuodegu dvareli? (2)
- Ar nušluosi vuodegu dvareli, Ar kapstysi koježėm smėlali? (2)
- 9. Ar kapstysi kojeZėr smėlalį, Ar kaposi patkavom vėjaZį? (2)
- 10. Ar kaposi patkavom vėja/į,
 Ar karpysi ause/ėm rūte/į? (2)
- ll. Ar karpysi ause /m rūte/1,
 Ar skaitysi ake/ėm žvaigždelas? (2)

- 1. Riding across a forest of green,
 I broke a rod of the wayfering tree.
- 2. I broke a rod of the wayfaring tree. And stroked the head of my steed.
- 3. And stroked the head of my steed, And a berry dropped to the ground.
- 4. And a berry dropped to the ground,
 And my steed trampled it under his feet.
- 5. -Oh, my dear steed, my dark brown steed, Will you bring me to the yard of my father-in-law?
- 6. Will you bring me to the yard of my father-in-law, Will you open the gate with your head?
- 7. Will you open the gate with your head,
 Will you sweep the yard with your tail?

- 8. Will you sweep the yard with your tail,
 Will you scrape the sand with your feet?
- 9. Will you scrape the sand with your feet, Will you chop the green lawn with your shoes?
- 10. Will you chop the green lawn with your shoes, Will you snip the green rue with your ears?
- ll. Will you snip the green rue
 with your ears,
 Will you count the stars
 with your eyes?



DOMINYKAS PETRUČIONIS, b. 1892 in Ilgininkai Village, Merkinė Parish. Immigrant in 1909. Recorded July 2, 1950, in Elizabeth, N.J.

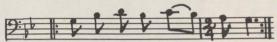
Type A79. The steed answers and promises to do everything as asked.

SIDE I. BAND 6: VAI LEIDŽIA DUODA -- OH, HE IS GIVING AWAY

Andantino, = 76

Type B8. A wedding song. Singer: Mr. D. Petručionis





Sve-ti-mo-jon ša --- la-lėj.

- Vai leidžia duoda Tėvulis dukrelą Svetimojon šala/ėj. (2)
- Su didžiu pulkeliu, Su didžiu šarveliu, Su zvankiom muzikėlėm. (2)
- Dar nesuvejo
 Nei pusės metelių,
 Jau pareina dukrežė,
 Jau pareina viešnežė.
- 4. Pareina dukre/tė
 Kelaliu verkdama:
 -Ar priimsi, tėvuli,
 Ar priimsi, širdela?
- Priimtie priimsiu, Gailėtis gailėsiuos, Nepriimsiu vaikelio, Tavo mažo vaikelio.
- Oh, he is giving away, The father is giving his daughter To marry in a foreign land.

- With a great retinue, With a big dowry, With a sounding music.
- 3. Not yet having passed Even a half a year*, The daughter comes back, Comes back as a visitor.
- 4. The daughter comes back Weeping on her way: -Will you take me back, father, Will you take me back, dear heart?
- 5. -I shall take you back And have pity on you, I will not accept your baby, Your little baby.

* In other variants: Even one and a half years.

SIDE I, BAND 7: OI AŠ IŠĖJAU AN DVARO -- I GO INTO THE YARD



- Oi aš išėjau an dvaro, Ir pažūrėjau in sodą, Žūrau - atjoja mano bernelis Pavasaro dienel'.
- 2. -0i ko atjojai, berneli, 0i ko atjojai, jaunasai? 0i ko atjojai, mano berneli, Pavasaro dienel'?
- 3. Ar risto žirgo pravaikai, Ar juodas sukmias pravėdai? Ar išsiilgai mane mergelės, Atjojai pažūrėt?
- -Nei risto žirgo pravaikau, Nei juodų suknių pravėdau,-Tik išsiilgau tave, mergele, Atjojau pažūrėt.

(Omitted:)

-Oi aš tau sakiau, berneli: Kai darže rūta garbiniuos, Tada atjoki, mano berneli, Rudenėlio dienelę.

 I go into my yard And look into my orchard, I see - my dear boy comes riding On this day of spring.

- 2. -Why did you come riding, my boy, Why did you come riding, my youth? Why did you come riding, my dear boy, On this day of spring?
- 3. Are you only chasing your fleet steed, Are you making show of your black clothes? Or do you long for me the girl, Come riding to see me?
- 4. -I am not chasing my fleet steed, I am not showing my black clothes, Just from a longing for you, my girl, I come riding to see you.

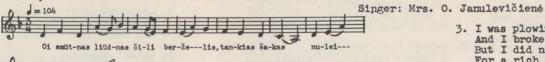
(Omitted:)

-I did tell you once, my boy: When the rue in garden will curl, Then come riding, my dear boy, On an autumn day.

Singer: Mrs. O. Jamulevičienė, b. 1883 in Aradnykai Village, Berznykai Parish. Immigrant in 1907. Recorded August 24, 1949, in Shenandoah, Pa.

Type A3. Girl's reasoning: autumn is the season for weddings.

SIDE I, BAND 8: OI SMUTNAS LIUDNAS -- OH HOW SAD AND MOURNFUL



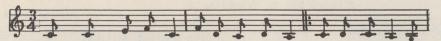
- dis, vir-šū-nė-1 nu-laužis.
 - 01 smūtnas liūdnas Šili berželis, Tankias šakas muleidis, Viršūnė/į mulaužis.
- O dar smūtnesnis Mano bernelis Nog merge/ės parjojis, Nog baltos lelijėl.
- Arau pošne/1, Laužau žagre/1, Nepalaužau širdelės An bagotos mergelės.

- 4. Oi tik palaužau Savo širdelį An vargdienės mergelės, An jos sunkų darbelį.
- Katra papratus
 Iš mažumė/ės
 An svetimų rankelių
 Ir an graudų žodelių.
- Oh, how sad and mournful Is the birch-tree in the grove, Having lovered his dense twigs, Having broken his crown.
- Even more sad
 Is my lovely boy,
 After riding back from his girl,
 From his white lily.

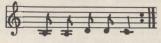
- 3. I was plowing the field, And I broke my plowshare, But I did not break my heart For a rich girl.
- 4. I have broken, indeed,
 My little heart
 For a poor girl
 Who works so hard.
- 5. This girl is used Since her days of youth To live with strange people And hear harsh words.

Type A37.2. The poor girl is often preferred in songs for several reasons: she is the prettiest, and she is a good worker; the rich girl, on the contrary, would not do any work at all, but would only sit combing her hair and looking in a mirror.

SIDE I, BAND 9: VAIKŠČIO' MOČIUTĖ -- THE MOTHER WAS WALKING Allegretto. J = 105



Vaikš-čio' mo-čiu-tė po di-dį dva-rą, Sa-vo sū-ne-lius



pa-bu-dy-da-ma.

- 1. Vaikščio močiutė po didį dvarą, Savo sūnelius pabudydama. (2)
- -Kelkit, sūneliai, kelkit, jauniejai, Jau mūsų dvarą vaiskas apstojo. (2)
- Jau mūsų dvarą vaiskas apstojo, Rūtų darželi užraštavojo. (2)
- 4. Rūtų darželį užraštavojo, Žalią rūtelę iš šakmų rovė. (2)
- 5. Žalią rūtelę iš šakmų rovė, Bėriem žirgeliam po kojų klojo. (2)
- Bėriem žirgeliam po kojų klojo, Ir jūs' seselę jau paviliojo. (2)
- The mother was walking in a great mansion, Awekening her sons.
- 2. -Rise up, my sons, rise up,
 my young ones,
 Our mansion is surrounded by
 soldiers.
- Our mansion is surrounded by soldiers, The rue garden is seized.

- 4. The rue garden is seized, The green rue is uprooted.
- 5. The green rue is uprooted, And laid under the feet of their brown horses.
- 6. And laid under the feet of their brown horses, And your sister is lured away.

Type Bl.1. "From old times when Tartars abducted girls", added the singer to this song. The theme "Bride stolen" is very popular among the Lithmanians (about 80 variants have been noted) and Latvians (32 var. at least); also known to the Poles, White Russians, and in a somewhat different form to the Ukrainians.

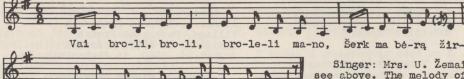
Mrs. U. Zemaitiene is an outstanding bearer of all kinds of folklore, and she knows about 300 folksongs. She learned reading and writing by herself. Born in the family of a farm laborer on a large estate in Lithuania, she came to the U.S. as a young woman of 24 and lived in Minden, W. Va. until 1929 where her husband was a coal miner; later they sett-



URŠULĖ ŽEMAITIENĖ, b. 1890 in Šukiai Village, Lankeliškiai Parish. Immigrant in 1914. Recorded July 25, 1949, in Chicago.

led in Chicago, and she worked in Stockyards for 17 years. She raised four sons and two daughters, and already has ten grandchildren. Her memory is marvelous. "If I hear a song only once, I know it. The song is the best remedy in sorrows." Her singing is calm and even, performed in an almost epic mood; however, her tempo of singing is faster than usual in Lithuanian songs, she accelerates quite a bit.

SIDE I, BAND 10: VAI BROLI -- OH, BROTHER
Andantino con moto, . = 70



ge-li, Šerk ma bė-rą žir-ge-li.

Singer: Mrs. U. Žemaitienė, see above. The melody of this song consists of four notes only and has an interesting rhythmic construction.

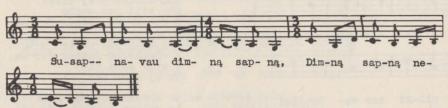
- Oh, brother, brother, My dear brother, Feed my little brown steed.
- And after you have fed Your little brown steed, Put on the red-leathern saddle.
- And after you put on The red-leathern saddle, Attach the golden stirrups.
- 4. And after attaching
 The golden stirrups,
 Mount you upon the steed.
- 5. While stepping in the stirrups And mounting on the steed, I shot down a golden oriole.
- 6. Oh, I was scolded, rebuked By my dear mother, Because I shot oriole.

- 7. -This golden oriole, A small lovely bird, Was nothing but a poor girl.
- 8. Better that you shot A tender bird of the woods, Or a diver of the sea.
- The wood bird flew away,
 The diver dived deep,
 And the golden oriole sang.
- 10. And when she sang, It was like sparkling of gold, And tinkled when she flew.
- Vai broli, broli, Broleli mano, Šerk ma bėrą žirgelį. (2)
- 0 kaip nušersi Bėrą žirgelį, Uždėk tymo balnelį. (2)

- O kaip uždėsi
 Tymo balneli,
 Prisek aukso kilpeles. (2)
- 4. O kaip prisegsi Aukso kilpeles, Sėsk ir pats ant žirgelio.
- 5. Į kilpas stodams, Ant žirgo sėsdams, Volungėlę mušoviau. (2)
- 6. Vai baudė, barė Mane močiutė, Kam šoviau volungėlę. (2)
- Ta volungėlė,
 Drebna paukštelė,
 Tai vargdienė mergelė. (2)
- 8. Reikė' mušautie Girios lepūną, Arba marių narūną. (2)
- 9. -Lepūns palėkė, Narūns panėrė, Volungėlė čiulbėjo. (2)
- 10. Kaip ji čiulbėjo -Auksas žerėjo. Kaip lėkė - suskambėjo.

Type F3. A song with magic back-ground: the girl is transformed into a bird, and the boy unwittingly shoots his sweatheart. The song (16 variants noted) is often used as an introduction to type B6.

Andantino con moto, = 100



 Susapnavau dimną sapną, Dimną sapną nepadabną.

pa-- dab-na.

- Ir atlėkė balta gulbė, Žalius šilkus taisydama.
- 3. Žalius šilkus taisydama, Baltus perlus barstydama.
- -Motynėle, širdužėle, Išrožykie man tą sapną.
- 5. Balta gulbė vargužėlis, Žali šilkai - rūpestėlis.
- 6. Žali šilkai rūpestėlis, Balti perlai - ašarėlės.

- 1. I dreamed a strange dream, A strange dream, unusual one.
- A white swan came flying, Arranging silks of green.
- 3. Arranging silks of green, Scattering pearls of white.
- -My dear mother, my dear heart, Explain this dream to me.
- 5. -The white swan means hardship, The green silks mean trouble.
- 6. The green silks mean trouble, The white pearls mean tears.

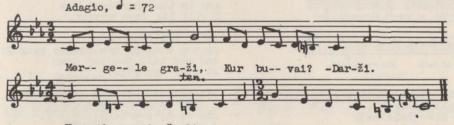
Type A20. The song is popular among the Slavonic peoples, but not particularly among the Lithuanians (only 8 variants have been noted).



MAGDALENA TAKAŽAUSKĮENĖ, an outstanding folk singer and story teller (65 songs and 12 tales were recorded on tape). Born 1877 in Versnupiai Village, Alvitas Parish. Immigrant in 1904. Lives in Pittsburgh.

Married in her twenties, she mad ten children (five of them still alive) and has been widowed for 26 years. At the age of 72 (in 1949), she still liked reading and knitting. She said:
"When I was young, I liked to sing and to dance. I did not want to remarry: even if I could find a husband for myself, he would not be the father of my children." She visited her Old Country for two months in 1930. She was quite sure in her singing and story telling, both in regard to text and melody. One year later, she repeated her songs exactly word for word. For some songs she gave an account of how she had learned them, or made a remark, e.g. "Adopted from Polish." Recorded in 1949.

SIDE II, BAND 2: MERGELE GRAŽI -- OH, BEAUTIFUL GIRL



Kur sky-- nei ža-lią rū-tą, Kur py-nei vai- ni- kėl'?

- -Mergele graži,
 Kur buvai? -Darži.
 -Kur skynei žalią rūtą,
 Kur pynei vainikėl'?
- Klaipėdoj skyniau, Kaune nupyniau, O Vilniuj pranešiojau. (2)
- Oi toli toli Mano mergelė: Už trijų šimtų mylių, Už žaliųjų girel.
- 4. Šimtas mylalių
 Lygų laukelių,
 Du šimtai žalios girios. (2). 1. -Oh, beautiful girl,
 Where have you been?
- Toje girelėj, Toje žaliojoj, Žirgelis nusižvengė, Juodasai juodbėrėlis.
- Žirgeli mano, Juodas bėreli, Ko sunkiai nusižvengei, Ko šyvas atsidusai?

- Ar aš tau sunkus, Ar aš tau ilsus, Ar kančiukėlis kaitrus? (2)
- 8. -Nei tu man sunkus, Nei tu man ilsus, Nei kančiukėlis kaitrus. (2)
- Devynios dienos, Dešimta naktis, Kaip stonelėj stovėjau, Kaip abrakėlį ėdžiau.
- Kaip abrakėlį ėdžiau, Kaip vandenėlį gėriau.
- -Oh, beautiful girl, Where have you been? -In the garden--Where did you pluck the green rue, Where did you make a wreath?
- I plucked it in Klaipėda, Made it in Kaunas, And started to wear it in Vilnius.
- She is far, very far from here: My dear girl lives Three hundred miles away, Behind the green forests.

- 4. One hundred miles
 Are of plain fields,
 Two hundred of green forest.
- 5. In this forest, In the green, My steed neighed, He the black dark-bay.
- 6. -My dear steed, You black dark-bay, Why did you neigh so loud, Why did you sigh, grey horse?
- 7. Maybe I am too heavy,
 Maybe I make you weary,
 Maybe my whip is too sharp?
- Neither are you too heavy, Nor do you make me weary, Nor is the whip too sharp.
- Nine days have passed, And now is the tenth night Since I have rested in the stable, Since I have eaten oats.
- Since I have eaten oats,
 Since I have drunk pure water.



ROZALIJA PAVARIŪNIENE, b. 1888 in Nemunaitis. Immigrant in 1935. She sings in typical lyric mood. Recorded July 4, 1950, in So. Boston, Mass. Type A80.



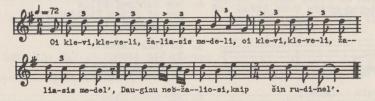
- 1. Oi stovi stovi
 Du pilki akmenėliai,
 An akmenėliu
 Du pilki karvelėliai.)2
- -Oi karvelėliai, Jūs pilki pilkuonėliai, Oi surašykit
 Man margą gromatėlį.)²
- 3. Oi surašykit Man margą gromatėli, Tai aš nusiųsiu)₂ In savo bernužėli.)
- 4. Oi kad atduotų Man auksalio žiedelį, Ir permainytų) Mano jaunų stonelį.)
- Oi girdžiu graj'na Bažnyčioj vargonėliai, Oi girdžiu verkia)2 Mergelė lelijėlė.
- Ko patrotino
 Rūtelių vainikėlį,
 Ko atropino
 Bernelį pijokėlį.)²

- Oh, there are standing Two grey little stones, On these little stones Are two little grey pigeons.
- 2. -Oh, you little pigeons,
 You little grey birds,
 Oh, will you write
 A checkered letter for me.
- 3. Oh, will you write A checkered letter for me, I will send it To my dear boy.
- 4. He should give me back My golden ring, He should allow me to keep My girlhood state.
- 5. I hear how plays
 The organ in the church,
 And I hear how weeps
 The girl, the little lily.
- 6. Because she has lost Her wreath of rue, Because she has chosen A drunkard boy.

Singer: Mr. J. Karauskas, b. 1890 in Vieciūnai Village, Ratnyčia Parish. Immigrant in 1907. Recorded July 7, 1950, in Nashua, N.H.

A wedding song.

SIDE II, BAND 4: OI KLEVI KLEVELI -- OH YOU LITTLE MAPLE



- 1. -01 klevi kleveli,)2 Žaliasis medeli,)2 Daugiau nebžaliosi, Kaip šin rudinelį.
- Aš tavi kirstysiu,)
 Šakas mugeniesiu,
 Ir visas šakeles
 Į kriūvą sudiesiu.
- 3. -A kon tu dirbysi Iš kompų šakelių? A kon tu dirbysi Lygaus leimenelia?
- 4. -Iš kompų šakelių)2 Gimbeles dirbysiu,)2 Lygaus leimenelia Lenteles pjaudysiu.
- 5. -A kon tu kabysi }2 I kompą gimbelę? A kon tu guldysi I margą lovelę?
- 6. I kompa gimbelę)2 Vainiką kabysiu,)2 I margą lovelę Aš pats atsigulsiu.
- 7. -A kon tu kabysi Pri šviesio kardelio? }2 A kon tu guldysi Pri sava šalelės?

- 8. -Pri šviesio kardelio }2
 Vainiką kabysiu,
 Pri sava šalelės
 Mergytę guldysiu.
- 9. Glustas vainikelis Pri šviesio kardelio,)2 Glaudžias ir mergelė Prie mona šalelės.
- -Oh, you maple, little maple, You green tree, You will be verdant only Until this autumn.
- I am going to fell you, To prune your branches, And heap all the twigs Into a pile.
- 3. -What will you make Of the crooked branches? And what will you make Of the straight stem?
- 4. -Of the crooked branches I will make hooks.
 Of the straight stem I will make planks.*)
- 5. -What will you hang
 On the crooked hook?
 And who will you lay down
 On the checkered bed?

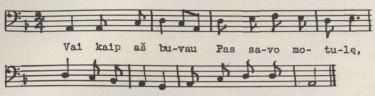
- On the crooked hook
 I will hang a wreath.
 And in the checkered bed
 I will lie down myself.
- 7. -What will you hang At the side of the gleamy sword? And who will you lay down At your own side?
- 8. -At the side of the gleamy sword I will hang a wreath,
 And at my own side
 I will lay down a girl.
- Gently lies the wreath
 At the side of the gleamy sword.
 Gently also presses
 The girl to my side.

Type M19. The song is very popular (30 variants noted) and typical in singing for Lowland Lithuanians, or Zemaičiai.

*) Omitted is an episode saying that a checkered bed will be made of planks.

Singer: Miss M. Jonauskaitė, b. 1886 in Rotinėnai Village, Kalvarija Parish. Immigrant in 1909. Recorded Sept. 2, 1950, in Brockton, Mass. SIDE II, BAND 5: VAI KAIP AS BUVAU -- OH, WHEN I LIVED

Andante, = 69 Phrygian



Nak-te-lė te-mė, Dar aš ker-mo-- šėl'.

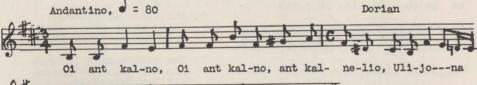
- l. Vai kaip aš buvau Pas savo motulę, Naktelė temė – Dar aš kermošėlin.)2*
- 2. Gaideliai giedojo Giria uliavojau.
- 3. Aušrelė aušo -Dar kelaliu ajau, Saulutė tekėjo -Kiemo vartus kėliau.)
- 4. Išėjo motulė Ir prakalbėjo:
- Aike, aike, dukrale, Nor atsilsėsi, Ilsta tavo kojelės)2* Nuog kelionėlės.
- Vysta tavo galvelė, Kaip aguonėlė.
- 7. Vai kai patekau Pas šelmų bernelį, Naktelė temė – Dar rugelius pjoviau.)
- 8. Gaideliai giedojo)2*
 Pėdelius nešojau.

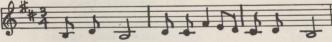
- 9. Aušrelė aušo -Dar kelaliu ajau.
- 10. Saulutė tekėjo -Kiemo vartus kėliau, Išėjo anyta Ir prakalbėjo:
- ll. -Aike, aike, martele,
 Nor pasilsėsi,
 Yra tenai rugelių,
 Nor pama/ėsi.
- 12. O kaip sumalsi Tu tuos rugelius, Gysi, martele, Mūs' palšus jautelius.
- * These two lines are repeated at the beginning of a new stanza.
- Oh, when I lived With my dear mother, The night was growing dark And I was still at the fair.
- The roosters crowed And I was still walking in the forest.

- The dawn was dawning, I still walked on the way. The sun was rising When I opened the gate.
- 4. My mother came out And started to talk:
- Come, come, dear daughter, You should rest.
 Your little feet are tired
 From the long journey.
- 6. Your sleepy head bends down Like a little poppy.
- When I fell into the hands
 Of a rascal boy,
 The night was growing dark
 And I was still harvesting rye.
- 8. The roosters crowed And I carried the sheaves.
- 9. The dawn was dawning And I was on the way.
- 10. The sun was rising
 When I opened the gate,
 My mother-in-law came out
 And started to talk:
- 11. -Go, go, daughter-in-law,
 And take a rest.
 There is some rye,
 You may grind it for a while.
- 12. After you finish
 Grinding the rye,
 You shall tend, daughter-in-law,
 Our grey oxen in the pasture.

Type B13.2. Singer: Mr. A. Jaziukevičius, b. 1904 in Marcinkonys. Immigrant in 1950. Recorded July 6, 1950 in Worchester, Mass.

SIDE II. BAND 6: ULIJANA -- JULIA





li-nus rov'. U-li-jo-na li-nus rov'.

- Oi ant kalno, Oi ant kalno, ant kalnelio, Ulijana linus rovė. (2)
- Ir atjoja, Ir atjoja janarolas, Janarolas gražus ponas. (2)
- -Ulijana, Ulijana, graži pana, Ženykimės mudu jaunu. (2)
- -Janarolai, Janarolai, gražus ponai, Mano brolis nevelina. (2)
- Ulijana, graži pana, Aš tau duosiu tokią rodą. (2)
- Tu miveikie, Tu miveikie vyšnių sode, Tu ten rasi tokią žolę. (2)

- 1. Oh, on the mountain, Oh, on the mountain, the little mountain, Julia rooted out flax.
- And came riding, And came riding a general, A general, handsome gentleman.
- Julia, Julia, beautiful girl, Both young let us marry.
- 4. -General,
 General, handsome gentleman,
 My brother will not allow.
- Julia, Julia, beautiful girl, I will give you this advice.

6. You should go,
You should go into cherry orchard,
You will find there a herb.

Singer: Mrs. R. Juknevičienė, b. 1881 in Papėčiai Village, Meteliai Parish. Immigrant in 1903. Recorded Aug. 25, 1949 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She knows the whole ballad, however, was too tired to sing all 17 stanzas into the microphone, and the rest was noted onto paper.

Type C5. The ballad about a girl who, following her lover's advice, poisoned her brother and then was abandoned by the lover, is well known in Eastern, Central and Southern Europe. The Lithuanians, besides the usual plot of a "sister poisoner", know also a particular version: the girl refuses to poison her brother, then the general drives his horse over her and tramples the girl to death.

SIDE II, BAND 7: SILE PUSYNAI -- IN THE CONIFER FOREST

- Šile pušynai, Trake beržynai, Ūžuolai garbuonėliai. (2)
- Po tais ūžuolais, Po garbuonėliais, Šiaudinė karčemėlė. (2)
- Toj karčemėlėj, Toj šiaudinėlėj, Trys gėrovėliai geria. (2)
- 0i jiej gerdami Ir uliodami, Prisviliojo mergelę. (2)
- 5. -Mergele mano, Jaunoji mano, Aikime į mūs šalį. (2)

(Omitted:)

Mūsų šalelėj Tai gerai būtie: Tu jauna beuliosi, Uogeles berankiosi.

-Oi tu berneli, Berazumėli! Balti mūreliai - atodūseliai, Uogelės - ašarėlės.

- In the conifer forest grow pines, In the cleared woodland grow birches And oaks with curly leaves.
- Under these oaks, Under curly leaves, Stands an inn with thatched roof.
- In this little inn, In the one with thatched roof, Three drunkards are drinking.
- 4. As they are drinking And having a good time, They lure away a girl.
- 5. -My dear girl,
 My young one,
 Let us go into our country.

(Omitted:)

In our country
The life is good,
You may walk around
And pick berries.

-Oh, you young boy, You without wit! Your white walls are sighs, Your berries - tears. Type A24. This recording represents a typical singing in one voice.

Sung by three women over 60 years old, all from Meteliai Parish. Recorded Aug. 25, 1949 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

SIDE II, BAND 8: IŠ KARČMUŽEŽES -- LEAVING AN INN



nos šin-kor- kė-Zės. Nog jau-- nos šin- kor- kė-Zės.

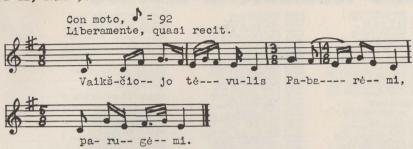
- Iš karčmužė/ės
 Be kepurė/ės,
 Nog jaunos šinkorkė/ės. (2)
- An žirgo sėdau,
 No žirgo puoliau
 Tan juodan purvynėlin. (2)
- Oi ir at/ėkė
 Trys raibos paukštės,
 Visos trys gegužė/ės. (2)
- 4. Pirma nutūpė
 Gali galve/ės:
 Tai ty miela motu/ė,
 Tai ty miela širde/ė.
- 5. Antra nutūpė Gali kojelių -Tai toj miela sasužė. (2)
- Tračia nutūpė
 Paliai šalalai Tai ty jauna merge/ė. (2)
- Motu/że verke Savo sūnelio, Visu savo viekeli. (2)

- 8. Sasužė verkė Trajis metelius, Savo mielo brolalio. (2)
- Merge/ė verkė Nog ryto lig piet, Savo jauno bernelio.
- 10. Nog ryto pietų Gėrė uliojo, Ir kito dabavojo. (2)
- Leaving an inn Without a cap, Parting with a young witress.
- I mounted my steed, And I fell from my steed Into this black mud.
- Then there flew by me Three spotted birds, All three little cuckoos.
- 4. The first alighted At the tip of my head: This was my dear mother, This was my dear heart.

- 5. The second alighted At the end of my feet -This was my dear sister.
- The third alighted Close at my side -This was my young girl.
- 7. The mother wept
 For her dear son
 All her life long.
- 8. The sister wept For three long years Mourning her belowed brother.
- 9. The girl she wept From morning to noon Mourning her young boy.
- 10. In the afternoon
 She drank and was merry,
 And looked for another boy.

Type B6. One of the most popular Lithuanian songs (70 variants noted). The Lithuanian version is more developed than the Eastern and Southern Slav versions.

Singer: Mrs. J. Karloniene, b. 1887 in Marcinkonys. Immigrant in 1907. She is strongly inclined to improvisation in her songs. Recorded July 3, 1950, in So. Boston, mass.



- Vaikščiojo tėvulis Pabarėmi, parugėmi.
- 2. Prašinėjo saula Žės Be kepurės, kepurė Žės:
- -Saulala, motula, Vakaruosna, vėlyvuosna.
- 4. Jauna mano dukre/e Tai pailso, tai nuvargo.
- 5. Bloguosius rugelius Bepjaudama, bepjaudama.
- 6. Iš kalnelio klone Žėn Nešiodama, nešiodama.
- 7. Retosias kapelas Statydama, statydama.

- 1. The father was walking By rows of rye field.
- 2. He asked the sun Lifting his cap:
- 3. -Go down, dear mother sun, In the West, in the evening.
- 4. Because my young daughter Is very tired and weary.
- 5. She is in the poor rye field Harvesting, cutting it down.
- 6. From the hill to the valley Bringing the sheaves.
- 7. The sparse shocks of rye Arranging in rows.

Type B13.10. A rye harvest song. In the second part of the song is told how the father-in-law asks the sun to stay longer in the sky, because his daughter-in-law is not tired yet and she may work longer, despite much more difficult working conditions.

Performed by Mrs. E. Pigagienė, b. 1884 in Perloja (immigrant in 1905), and Mrs. L. Andriušienė, b. 1892 in Vartalaukis Village, Nedzingė Parish (immigrant in 1909). Recorded Sept. 2, 1949, in Brockton, Mass.

SIDE II, BAND 10: JAU SAULELĖ TEKA -- THE SUN IS JUST RISING

- 1. Jau saulelė teka, Gaili rasa krinta. Kelkitės, vaikeliai, Jau šiandien ne šventa. Kelkitės, visi iš rūmo,) Aisim procavoti visi iš dūmo.)
- 2. Jonu(i) rugiai sėti,
 Ambraziu(i) akėti.
 O tam seniui stervai,
 Tegul laužus krauna.
 Ambraziu(i) galvijai ganyti,)
 O tam gaspadorui reik daug
 išmanyt.)
- 3. Oi tu gaspadine, Greitai apsisuki. Tegul bus tavo Akys neužrūki. Kopūstų ir su lašiniais,) Privirk pilną puodą, kiek)2 mūsų parais.)
- 4. (0 jūs) pabalnokit man žirgeli,
 Apjos' vasaros darbeli.

 Tankujų saulėtų mieželių)
 Parvešim į kluoną viešu)2.
 kelaliu.
- 5. Nedėlios sulaukį
 Padarysim alų.
 Padarysim alų,
 Padėsim an stalo.
 Tai gersim, tai uliavosim,)
 Ir Ponui Dievui padėkavo-)2
 sim.)

- The sun is just rising, The rich dew is falling. Stand up, my children, Today is no holiday. Stand up, at once, We shall go to the hard work.
- John has to sow rye, Ambrose to harrow. And this miserable old man May pile the brushwood. Ambrose has to tend cattle, And the master must care for everything.
- 3. And you, the mistress of the house,
 Turn around quickly.
 May your eyes
 Always stay clear.
 Boil cabbage and bacon,
 A full pot as much as needed.
- 4. And you, please, saddle me a horse, I will ride and see the summer's work.

 ... (Two lines missing.)
 Some of the thick, sun-yellow barley
 We will bring to the barn by the highroad.
- 5. When the Sunday comes,
 We will brew beer.
 We will brew beer
 And place it on the table.
 So we will drink and be merry,
 And we will say thanks to God
 the Lord.

Performed by Mr. A. Zautra, b. 1891 in Guobiniai Village, Liškiava Parish (immigrant in 1910); and Mr. J. Karauskas, b. 1890 in Vieciūnai Village, Ratnyčia Parish (immigrant in 1907). Recorded July 7, 1950, in Nashua, N.H.

This humorous song on farmer's daily work and life represents a rather recent type of popular singing in two voices.

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