

Kis kece lányom

(*Little white bride*)

traditional Hungarian song

arranged by Sheena Phillips
for SATB a cappella

This song, collected by Béla Bartók in the Tolna region of Hungary, is widely known as a children's song but was traditionally a *kiházasító népdal* - a ceremonial song for sending off a young married couple to their own house. The tune has also been arranged, with different lyrics, as a campfire song (*Tabortuznel* by Lajos Bárdos) and as a love song.

duration c. 2:45

guide to pronunciation included

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Kis kece lányom

Kis kece lányom, fehérbe' vagyon,
Fehér a rózsa, kezébe' vagyon.
Mondom, mondomb, fordulj ide, mátkám-asszony. (x2)

Ciprusi menta, kajtali rózsa,
Elmennék táncba, ha szép lány volna.
Mondom, mondomb, fordulj ide, mátkám-asszony. (x2)

Traditional

Translation

White is the dress of my graceful girl,
White is the rose that is in her hand.
Turn to me, I say to you, my bride. (x2)

Mint of Cyprus, rose of Kajta,
I'd go to the dance, if there'd be a beautiful girl.
Turn to me, I say to you, my bride. (x2)

András Demeter

Alternate pronunciation guide

keesh keh-tseh láh-ñom feh-hér-beh va-dyon
feh-hér a ro-ja keh-zé-beh va-dyon
mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dui ee-deh máh-tkáhm ass-soñ

tsee-pru-shee mehn-ta, koi-ta-lee ro-ja
ehl-mehn-nék tähnts-ba, ha sép láhñ vol-na
mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dui ee-deh máh-tkáhm ass-soñ

a ~ as in English 'hot' [IPA: ɔ]

áh ~ as in 'ah' [IPA: ɑ]

oi ~ as in 'join' [IPA: ɔɪ]

eh ~ as in 'bed' [IPA: ε]

ee ~ as in 'beech' [IPA: i]

é ~ as in French café [IPA: e]

o ~ as in English 'more' [IPA: ɔ:]

u ~ as in English 'rude' [IPA: u]

ui ~ rhymes with 'Louis' (divide the note equally between the two syllables) [IPA: ui]

dy ~ the initial sound of English (not American) 'duke' or 'dew' [IPA: dj]

j ~ like the 's' in 'treasure' or the 'j' in French 'je' [IPA: ʒ]

ñ ~ the initial sound of English (not American) 'new' [IPA: nj]

ts ~ as in 'bits' or 'tsar' [IPA: ts]

IPA transcription

(International Phonetic Alphabet)

kiʃ kətse lənjo:m fəherbe vədjo:n
fəher ɔ rɔ:ʒɔ kezebe vədjo:n
mɔ:ndɔ:m mɔ:ndɔ:m fɔ:rdui idɛ
matkam ɔssɔ:nj

tsipruʃi mentɔ kɔitɔli rɔ:ʒɔ
elmennek tantsbɔ hɔ sep lan vɔ:ln
mɔ:ndɔ:m mɔ:ndɔ:m fɔ:rdui idɛ
matkam ɔssɔ:nj

Metric English version

White is the dress my sweetheart is
wearing,
White is the rose her fingers are bearing,
Turn to me, o turn to me my own dear
darling. (x2)

Fresh mint of Cyprus, sweet rose of Kajta,
Bring to my life your beauty and laughter.

Sheena Phillips



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SATB a cappella

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Andante $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 72$

p stagger breathing

A T B

Mm,
p stagger breathing

Mm,
div. **p** stagger breathing

soli **mp** Kis ke - ce lán - yom,

Mm,

A T B

fe - hér-be va - gyon, Fe - hér a róz - sa, ke - zé - be' va - gyon,

A T B

Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de, mát - kám - asz - szony!



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A

T

B

Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

Ooh,

p stagger breathing

Ooh,

p stagger breathing

Ooh,

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S ke - zé-be' va - gyon, Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

A ke - zé-be' va - gyon, Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

T

B

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S Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

A Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

T Ah,
mp

B Ah,
mp

41 *mp* stagger breathing

S Ah,

A Ci - pru - si men - ta, dolce kaj - ta - li ró - zsa, El - men-nék tánc - ba,

T Ci - pru - si men - ta, dolce kaj - ta - li

B Ci - pru - si men - ta, kaj - ta - li

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S ha szép lány vol - na, Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

A ró - zsa, Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de,

T Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de,

B ró - zsa, Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de,

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Soprano (S):

A (Alto): Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony! Ah,

Tenor (T):

Bass (B): Mon - dom, mon - dom, mát - kám - asz - szony! Ah,



59 *mf*

S

A

T

B

Ci - pru - si men - ta, kaj - ta - li ró - zsa, El - men-nék tánc - ba,
mf

Ci - pru - si men - ta, kaj - ta - li ró - zsa,

mf

8 Ci - - - pru - si men - - - ta, kaj - - - - ta - li

mf

Ci - pru - si men - ta, kaj - ta - li ró - zsa,

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

ha szép lány vol - na, Ah,
mp stagger breathing

Alto (A) vocal line:

Ah,

Tenor (T) vocal line:

ró - - - zsa, El - - - men - nék tánc - ba,

Bass (B) vocal line:

Mon-dom, mon-dom, for-dulj i-de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

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S A T B

ha szép lány vol - - - na,
Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

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S A T B

Kis ke - ce lán - yom, fe - hér-be' va - gyon,
Mm, Kis ke - ce lán - yom,
Mm, Ooh,
Mm, Kis ke - ce lán - yom,

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S A T B

Kis ke - ce lán - yom, fe - hér - be va - gyon, Mon - dom, mon - dom,
fe - hér - be' va - gyon, Kis ke - ce lán - yom, fe - hér - be
Kis ke - ce, Kis ke - ce, Mon - dom,
fe - hér - be' va - gyon, Mon - dom,

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Soprano (S): for - dulj i - de, mát - kám - asz - szony! Mon - dom, mon - dom,
Alto (A): va - gyon, Mon - dom, mon - dom, for - dulj i - de, mát - kám -
Tenor (T): mon - dom, for - dulj i - de, Mon - dom,
Bass (B): mon - dom, for - dulj i - de, Mon - dom,

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Soprano (S): for-dulj i - de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

Alto (A): asz - szony! Mon - dom, mon - dom, for-dulj i - de, mát - kám - asz - szony!

Tenor (T): mon - dom, mát - kám - asz - szony! Mm,

Bass (B): mon - dom, mát - kám - asz - szony! Mm,

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Soprano (S): - - - - -

Alto (A): - - - - -

Tenor (T): - - - - -

Bass (B): - - - - -