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## Chapter 12 - Glossed Texts

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### 12.1 Two women who had humps

The following text was written in 2003 by an unknown author connected to the Mankanya literacy program in Goudomp run by Pkumel (the Mankanya cultural association) and SIL. It was written to go into a booklet of folk tales and was edited to correct orthographic errors.

The initial number of each line indicates the paragraph number, the second the sentence within that paragraph.

#### **Niinț na baharul batëb banwooj na mben ti fet**

(A man and his two wives who had humps on their backs)

1.1 Dka      nantohi      ajug      katoh  
       d- ka      na- ntonhi      a- jug      ka- toh  
       1s have      C1s elder      C1AS owner      C3S house

anniimuŋ      baaṭ      batëb      .  
       a- n-      niim -uj      b- aaṭ      ba- tëb  
       C1S COREF marry SEL      C1P woman      C1P two

“There was once an old man who had married two women”

1.2 Naweeķ      awo      Dama      aşë      wo  
       na- week      a- wo      Dama      a- şë      wo  
       C1s elder\_sibling      C1s be      Dama      SER SEQ be  
       aannuura      ti      bten      ,      natëbënṭen  
       a- ēn- nuura      t- i      b- ten      na- tëb -ēnṭen  
       SER NEG be\_good INT LOC.PROX C5S looks      C1S two ORD

awooŋ      nanuura      maakan      awo      Naala .  
       a- wo -oŋ      na- nuura      maakan      a- wo      Naala  
       C1s be SEL      C1S beauty very      C1S be      Nala

“The elder was Dama, and she was not beautiful; the second was very beautiful and was called Naala”

1.3 Kë baaṭ batēb bukuŋ başē wo na  
 kë b- aaṭ ba- tēb buk- uŋ ba- şē wo na  
 DS C1P woman C1P two C1P DEM.DIST C1P SEQ be with  
**m̄ben** ti feṭ .  
 m- BEN t- i feṭ  
 c6p swelling INT LOC.PROX back

“But these two women had humps on their backs”

1.4 Anwoοj naweek i katoh awo  
 a- n- wo -oŋ na- week i ka- toh a- wo  
 C1s COREF be SEL C1s big GEN C3S house C1s be  
**na pben pmpot̄i** .  
 na p- BEN p- mpoṭi  
 with C6s swelling C6s small

“The one who eldest in the house had a small hump”

2.1 Kë pi anwoοj Naala pawooŋ  
 kë p- i a- n- wo -oŋ Naala pa- wo -oŋ  
 DS C6s GEN C1s COREF be SEL Nala C6s be SEL  
**pweek , kë aşaaŋ akaana kanuura**  
 p- week kë a- şā -aŋ a ka -a -na ka- nuura  
 C6s older DS SER SEQ SEL 1S rfx C3S beauty  
**maakan** .  
 maakan  
 very

“Naala's hump was big, but she had great beauty”

2.2 Ul i ñiinṭ aṭuuŋ ti  
 ul i ñ- iinṭ a- ṭu -uŋ t- i  
 3s.subj DEM.PROX C1s man C1s place SEL INT LOC.PROX  
**uhaaş wi nul** .  
 u- haas w- i nul  
 C2s soul C2s GEN 3s.POSS

“The husband loved her”

2.3 Kë Dama aşē win kë ayin baka  
 kë Dama a- şē win kë a- yin baka  
 DS Dama C1s SEQ see COMP C1AS husband C1P.OBJ  
**aŋal Naala apel a** .  
 a- ŋal Naala a- pel a  
 C1s like Nala SER be\_more OBJ

“But Dama saw that their husband loved Naala more than her”

2.4 **Ti** **dunj** **mien̄tan** **dunj**  
 t- i d- uŋ mien̄tan d- uŋ  
 INT LOC.PROX C9S DEM.DIST that C9S DEM.DIST  
**di** **di** **Dama** **abaan̄j** **kabi**  
 d- i d- i Dama a- ba -an̄j k- a- bi  
 C9S DEM.PROX C9S GEN Dama C1S finish SEL IMPERF SER PST  
**şoor** **şoor** **Naala** **kakak** **ti** **a**  
 şoor şoor Naala k- a- kak t- i a  
 hate hate Nala IMPERF SER return INT LOC.PROX OBJ  
**kakar** **na** **ŋnuur**, **kakuut**  
 k- a- kar na ŋ- nuur k- a- kuut  
 IMPERF SER insult with C2P day IMPERF SER slander  
**kaji** **na** **ñiin̄t** **me** **ajal** **ŋjal** **ñaaŋ**  
 k- a- ji na ñ- iin̄t me a- ajal ŋjal ñaaŋ  
 IMPERF SER laugh with C1S man know C1S like like person  
**anwoon̄j** **na** **pben** **pweek** **puŋ**.  
 a- n- wo -oŋ na p- BEN p- week p- uŋ  
 C1S COREF be SEL with C6S swelling C4S older C4S DEM.DIST  
 “Because of this Dama began to hate Naala, and began to insult her every day, slandering her, saying to her husband how could he love someone who had such a big hump”

2.5 **Kë** **henk** **di** **abaan̄j** **kabi** **duka**  
 kë henk d- i a- ba -an̄j k- a- bi duka  
 DS like\_that C9S GEN C1S finish SEL IMPERF SER PST stay  
**duka** **ti** **pdo** **na** **Naala** **te** **kë** **bado**  
 duka t- i p- do na Naala te kë ba- do  
 stay INT LOC.PROX INF do with Nala until DS C1P INGR  
**bot** **awo** **ti** **ploolan** **na**  
 bot a- wo t- i p- loolan na  
 do\_something\_next SER be INT LOC.PROX C4S one with  
**ñiin̄t** **kë** **ñaaŋ** **aji** **bi** **duka** **duka**  
 ñ- iin̄t kë ñ- aaŋ a- ji bi duka duka  
 C1S man DS C1S woman C1S HAB PST stay stay  
**kañagan** **tuŋ** **katooh**.  
 k- a- ñagan t- uŋ ka- toh  
 IMPERF SER be\_sad INT LOC.DIST C3S house  
 “She kept doing this to Naala until her husband agreed with her, and Naala stayed unhappily in the house”

3.1 Kë ñaaṭ̩ aloy naṭaf kë aşe win  
 kë ñ- aaṭ̩ a- loy na- ṭaf kë a- şe win  
 DS C1S woman C1S INDEF C1S elderly DS C1S SEQ see  
**jibi Naala añaagani ti katoh .**  
 jibi Naala a- ñagan -i ṭ- i ka- toh  
 like Nala C1S be\_sad CMPL INT LOC.PROX C3S house  
 "Then an old lady saw how Naala was in the house, unhappy"

3.2 Abi ajaka : « Woli ijal pka  
 a- bi a- jak -a Woli i- ijal p- ka  
 C1S come SER tell C1S.OBJ if 2s like INF have  
**ukéra ṭun ayinu , kya**  
 u- kéra ṭ- un a- yin -u k- ya  
 C2S success INT LOC.DIST C1AS husband 2S.POSS IMPERF go  
**na utejan du kabaj ki unkintar**  
 na u- tejan d- u kab- baj k- i u- nkintar  
 with C2S night EXT LOC.DIST C3S side C3S GEN C2S garden  
**wi nan .**  
 w- i nan  
 C2S GEN 2P.POSS  
 "She said to her 'If you want to have success with your husband, go at night to the side of your garden'"

3.3 İtënk ɳntaayi da ɳado ptoof  
 i- tënk ɳ- ntaayi d- a ɳa- do p- toof  
 C3P find C2P spirit C9S OBJ C2P do C4S half  
**kaki .**

k- a- ki  
 IMPERF SER dance  
 "You'll find spirits there, doing the circle dance"

3.4 **Işale**      **ban**      **da**      **knaṭ**  
     i- şa -le ban d- a k- naṭ  
     2S SEQ irr arrive C9S OBJ 2S.ALT stand

**kanaakiir**      **na**      **ŋa**      ,      **kakob**  
     k- a- naaki -ir na ŋ- a k- a- kob  
     IMPERF SER join RCP with C2P OBJ IMPERF SER hit

**iñen**      **maakan**      ,      **wal**      **wi**  
     i- ñen maakan w- al w- i  
     C3P hand very C2S moment C2S GEN

**ŋakfoysaruŋ**      **kaban**      **ti**  
     ŋa- k- foy -s -ar -uŋ k- a- ban ti- i  
     C2P IMPERF encircle CAUS BEN SEL IMPERF SER arrive INT LOC.PROX

**iwi** ,      **kşë**      **ji**      **na**      **wi**      **ikabiranuŋ**  
     iwi k- şë ji na w- i i- kabir -an -uŋ  
     2S 2S.ALT SEQ say with C2S GEN 2S be\_next\_to CAUS SEL

,      **mëbanan**      **napoṭ**      **nji**      **dkaaj**      **pki** (

mëb -an -an na- poṭ nji d- ka -aŋ p- ki  
     attach CAUS IMP C1S child 1S 1S have SEL INF dance

**napoṭ**      **mënṭ**      **awooŋ**      **pben**      **punj** ).  
     na- poṭ mënṭ a- wo -oŋ p- BEN p- uŋ  
     C1S child that C1S be SEL C6S swelling C4S DEM.DIST

"When you arrive there, stop and join in with them and clap loudly. When the circling arrives with you, say to the person who is now next to you "hold the baby, it's my turn to dance" (this baby is that hump)"

3.5 **Wi**      **kneejuŋ**      **ptoof**      **kaki** ,  
     wi k- neej -uŋ p- toof k- a- ki  
     when IMPERF enter SEL C4S half IMPERF SER dance

**kşë**      **pēn**      **na**      **bundu**      **kabi**  
     k- şë pēn na b- undu k- a- bi  
     2S.ALT SEQ go\_out with C5S DEM.VDIST IMPERF SER FUT

**kado**      **kaṭi**      **ti**      **pya**      **katoh**  
     k- a- do k- a- ti ti- i p- ya ka- toh  
     IMPERF SER INGR IMPERF SER run INT LOC.PROX INF go C3S house  
     . »

"When you enter the middle of the dance, go out the other side, then start running to go home' "

4.1 Kë hënк di Naala ayaanj na utejan  
 kë hënк d- i Naala a- ya -aj na u- tejan  
 DS like\_that C9S GEN Nala C1S go SEL with C2S night  
 atenk ntaayi kë nado ptoof aki , kë  
 a- tэнk ң- ntaayi kë ңa- do p- toof a- ki kë  
 C1S find C2P spirit DS C2P do C4S half SER dance DS  
 aşe ban anaт akob iñen na ңa .  
 a- şe ban a- naт a- kob i- ñen na ң- a  
 SER SEQ arrive SER stand SER hit C3P hand with C2P OBJ  
 "So Naala went at night, found the spirits that were doing the circle dance,  
 and went up to them, stood and clapped hands with them."

4.2 Wi ңakiij aban ti a ,  
 w- i ңa- ki -ij a- ban t- i a  
 C2S GEN C2P dance SEL SER arrive INT LOC.PROX OBJ  
 kë aşe ji na wi akabiranun  
 kë a- şe ji na w- i a- kab -ir -an -uŋ  
 DS C1S SEQ say with C2S GEN SER be\_near\_to RCP CAUS SEL  
 : « Mëbanan napot i , nji dkaanj  
 mëb -an -an na- pot i nji d- ka -aj  
 attach CAUS IMP C1S child DEM.PROX 1s 1s have SEL  
 pki . »  
 p- ki  
 INF dance

"When their dancing arrived with her, she said to the person who was now  
 next to her "hold this baby, it's my turn to dance""

5 Kë untaayi usë yeenk pbén  
 kë u- ntaayi u- şe yeenk p- BEN  
 DS C2S spirit C2S SEQ receive C6S swelling  
 amëban , kë Naala aşe neej aki .  
 a- mëb -an kë Naala a- şe neej a- ki  
 SER attach CAUS DS Nala C1S SEQ enter SER dance  
 "So the spirit took the hump and held it, and Naala entered the dance"

6.1 Aban tuj aşe pén na bgah  
 a- ban t- uŋ a- şe pén na b- gah  
 C1S arrive INT LOC.DIST SER SEQ go\_out with C5S way  
 bloŋ , aşe bi katı ti  
 b- loŋ a- şe bi k- a- ti t- i  
 C5S INDEF SER SEQ FUT IMPERF SER run INT LOC.PROX  
 pya katoh .  
 p- ya ka- toh  
 INF go C3S house  
 "She arrived there, then left by another path, and began to run to come  
 home"

**6.2 Aban aneej meeṭ apiiṇṭ .**  
 a- ban a- neej meeṭ a- piinṭ  
 C1S arrive SER enter room SER lie\_down  
 “She arrived, entered inside and slept”

**6.3 Kë ḥntaayi ḥaduka ki ki ṭuṇj .**  
 kë ḥ- ntaayi ḥa- duk -a ki ki ṭ- uṇj  
 DS C2P spirit C2P leave MID dance dance INT DEM.DIST  
**te kë unuur udo jinṭ kë ḥaṣe jun pwayṣer .**  
 te kë u- nuur u- do jinṭ kë ḥa- şe jun  
 until DS C2s day C2s INGR be\_clean DS C2P SEQ begin  
 p- wayṣer  
 INF disperse  
 “The spirits stayed dancing until day broke and then they began to leave”

**6.4 Unṣaaṇ ayeenk pben ti .**  
 u- n- şa -an̄ a- yeenk p- BEN ṭ- i  
 C2S COREF SEQ SEL SER receive C6S swelling INT LOC.PROX  
**Naala kë uşē kak ala ñaaṇ anwulun .**  
 Naala kë u- şe kak a- la ñaaṇ a- n- wul -uṇ  
 Nala DS C2S SEQ turn SER seek person SER COREF give SEL  
**wa napot .**  
 w- a na- pot  
 C2S OBJ C1S child  
 “The spirit who had taken the hump from Naala began to go around looking  
 for the person who had given him the baby”

**6.5 Wi uwoon̄ uunwina aşe ya .**  
 w- i u- wo -on̄ u- un- win -a a- şe ya  
 C2S GEN C2S be SEL C2S NEG see C1S.OBJ SER SEQ go  
**na pa .**  
 na p- a  
 with C6S OBJ  
 “When it couldn't see her, it left with it”

**7.1 Kë Dama aşe naṭa na nfa awin Naala .**  
 kë Dama a- şe naṭa na nfa a- win Naala  
 DS Dama SER SEQ get\_up with morning C1S see Nala  
**jibi ahetuṇ aşe ji akak .**  
 jibi a- het -uṇ a- şe ji a- kak  
 like C1S straighten\_up SEL SER SEQ HAB SER become  
**apēnan pben pi nul .**  
 a- pēn -an p- BEN p- i nul  
 SER go\_out CAUS C6S swelling C6S GEN 3s.POSS  
 “When Dama got up in the morning, she saw how Naala was straightened up,  
 and how she had become, and that she had removed her hump”

7.2 « **Ayinun**                   **afiyaar**                   **kadukin**  
       a- yin -un      a- fiyaar      k- a- duk -in  
       C1AS husband 1P.OBJ C1S believe IMPERF SER leave 1S.OBJ  
  » ; **aşë deebaṭ ado jot afiita** .  
       a- şë deebaṭ a- do jot a- fiita  
       C1S SEQ be\_angry C1S INGR fall SER faint

“ ‘Our husband will think of leaving me!’ and she got so angry that she fainted.”

8.1 **Kë Naala na pjoob bknow pi nul**  
       kë Naala na p- joob b- kow p- i nul  
       DS Nala with INF cool C5s head C4s GEN 3s.POSS  
**aṭupa jibiadoluj kë pben pi**  
       a- ṭup -a jibi a- dol -uŋ kë p- BEN p- i  
       C1S speak C1S.OBJ like C1S do SEL DS C6s swelling C6s GEN  
**nul padopën** .  
       nul pa- do pën  
       3s.POSS C6s INGR go\_out

“But Naala was kind, and told her how she had made her hump go”

8.2 **Kë henk di Dama akaan aya na**  
       kë henk d- i Dama a- ka -aŋ a- ya na  
       DS like that C9s GEN Dama C1s REP SEL SER go with  
**utejan aya t̄enk ɻntaayi kë ɻado ptoof**  
       u- tejan a- ya t̄enk ɻ- ntaayi kë ɻa- do p- toof  
       C2s night SER go find C2P spirit DS C2P do C4s half  
**aki , kë aşë ban abi ya ya**  
       a- ki kë a- şë ban a- bi ya ya  
       SER dance DS SER SEQ arrive SER PST go go  
**di wi Naala awuluj pben**  
       d- i w- i Naala a- wul -uŋ p- BEN  
       C9s DEM.PROX C2s GEN Nala C1s give SEL C6s swelling  
**anaṭ akob iñen** .  
       a- naṭ a- kob i- ñen  
       SER stand SER hit C3P hand

“So Dama also went at night and found the spirits doing circle dancing; she arrived and went straight to the place where the spirit to whom Naala had given her hump was, stood and clapped her hands”

8.3 **Wi**      **ŋakiij**      **aban**      **ti**      **a**      **kë**  
  w- i      ŋa- ki      -inj a- ban      ti- i      a      kë  
  C2S GEN C2P dance SEL SER arrive INT LOC.PROX OBJ DS  
**aşë**      **ji**      **na**      **wa**      **umëbana**  
  a- şë      ji      na      w- a      u- mëb      -an      -a  
  SER SEQ say with C2S OBJ C2S attach CAUS MID  
**napoṭul**      **akiina**      ,      **akaŋj**      **pki**  
  na- poṭ -ul      a- ki      -in -a      a- ka -aŋj p- ki  
  C1S child 3s.POSS SER dance CAUS MID      C1S REP SEL INF dance  
.

"When the dancing arrived at her, she asked it to hold her baby as it was her turn to dance, so that she could dance"

9.1 **Kë**      **untaayi**      **uşë**      **ji**      : « **Yow** !  
  kë u- ntaayi u- şë ji      yow  
  DS C2s spirit C2s SEQ like yes!

"And the spirit said "Wait a minute!" "

9.2 **Henk**      **di**      **aloŋ**      **ajaknuŋ**  
  hënk d- i a- loŋ a- jak -n -uŋ  
  like\_that C9S GEN C1S INDEF C1S tell 1S.OBJ SEL  
**mmëbana**      **napoṭ**      **takal**      **aşë**      **ti**  
  m- mëb -an -a na- poṭ takal a- şë ti  
  1S.SUB attach CAUS MID C1S child yesterday SER SEQ run  
**adukaraan**      **a** ,      **naam**      **iwi**      **a** ?  
  a- duk -ar -aan a naam iwi a  
  SER leave BEN 1S.OBJ OBJ resemble 2S OBJ

"It was like this that someone asked me to carry their baby yesterday, and ran, leaving it with me - don't you look like her?" "

9.3 **Nje**      **a**      **awi**      . »  
  nje a a- wi  
  take OBJ C1S here\_is

"Take him, here he is" "

9.4	Kë	Dama	ayeenk	anaakrën	na	pi
	kë	Dama	a- yeenk	a- naakrën	na	p- i
	DS	Dama	C1S receive	SER mix	with C6S	GEN
nul	,	ado	pweek	, aşë	kowa	pya
nul	a-	do	p- week	a- şë	kowa	p- ya
3s.POSS	SER	do	C6S older	SER SEQ	be_ashamed	INF go
na	pa	katoh	,	aşë	bi	kaṭi
na	p-	a	ka- toh	a- şë	bi	k- a- ti
with	C6S	OBJ	C3S house	SER SEQ	PST IMPERF SER	run run
pya	kajot	di		bdëk	kakeṭ	.
p-	ya	ka- jot	d- i	b- dëk	k- a- keṭ	
INF	go	C3S fall	EXT LOC.PROX	C5S sea	IMPERF SER	die

“So Dama received it, and mixed it with hers, which became big; she was ashamed to go with it to the house and so straight away ran to throw herself in the sea, in order to die.”

9.5	Wi	abanuŋ	aşë	jot	di	meel
	w-	i	a-	ban	-uŋ	a- şë
	C2S	GEN	C1S	arrive	SEL	SER SEQ
				jot	d- i	meel
				fall	EXT LOC.PROX	water

“When she arrived, she threw herself in the water.”

9.6	Kë	meel	mankak	alutana		
	kë	meel	man- kak	a- lut	-an	-a
	DS	water	C8 REP	SER jump	CAUS	C1S.OBJ
apēnan		bđig	aşë	jaka	,	nji ,
a-	pēn	-an	b-	dig	a- şë	jak -a
SER	go_out	CAUS	C5S outside	SER SEQ	tell	C1S.OBJ 1s
mnnkyeenk		ñaaŋ	nado	bwuṭaan	.	
mn-	n-	k-	yeenk	ñaaŋ	na- do	b- wuṭaan
C8	NEG	IMPERF	receive	person	C1S doer	C7S evil

“But the sea threw her back again, out of the water and said to her "Me, I don't accept evil people!" ”

## 12.2 A voyage to the Casamance

The following text was transcribed from an oral recording with the help of the speaker. He had been asked to relate an incident that involved him, and he told the story of the first time he had returned with his brother to the Casamance area of Senegal as a teenager. The story is being told in Dakar.

1 Wi ɲwoon i pya duuṭ , pya  
 wi ɲ- wo -oŋ i p- ya duuṭ p- ya  
 when 1P be SEL GEN INF go up\_there INF go  
 pme duuṭ , kë aşinun kë aşe  
 p- me duuṭ kë a- şin -un kë a- şe  
 INF know up\_there DS C1AS father 1P.OBJ DS SER SEQ  
 piitun kakaarta pa ɲmeena  
 piit -un ka- kaarta pa ɲ- me -an -a  
 write 1P.OBJ C3S card in\_order\_to C2P know CAUS MID  
 bgah bnuura  
 b- gah bnuura  
 C5S way well

“When we had to go to the Casamance, to get to know the Cassamance, our father drew us a map, so that we would know the right route”

2 Wi ɲyeenkuj kakaarta mënṭen kuŋ  
 wi ɲ- yeenk -uŋ ka- kaarta mënṭen k- uŋ  
 when 1P receive SEL C3S card that C3P.cnt DEM.DIST  
 aya ala ukaaru apaya atool aya  
 a- ya a- la u- kaaru a- paya a- tool a- ya  
 SER go SER seek C2S car C1S climb SER leave SER go

“When we had received this map, we went and looked for a minibus, climbed in and straight away we left”

3 Wi ɲyaanj aban ti Gambi  
 wi ɲ- ya -anj a- ban t- i Gambi  
 when 1P go SEL SER arrive INT LOC.PROX Gambia  
 awala ti pmuur bdëk  
 a- wala t- i p- muur b- dëk  
 SER come\_down INT LOC.PROX INF cross C5S sea  
 “When we had gone a while, we arrived in Gambia, and got out to cross the river”

4 Wi      **ŋwaliij**      kë    bapayan      ŋkaaru  
       wi      ŋ- wala      -iŋ    kë    ba- pay    -an      ŋ- kaaru  
       when    1P come\_down SEL    DS    C1P raised CAUS    C2P car  
       kë    un      ŋpaya      bak    na    ihoṭ      ,    ado      nug  
       kë    un      ŋ- paya      bak    na    i- hoṭ      a- do      nug  
       DS    1P.subj    1P climb    ferry    and    C3P leg      SER INGR    buy  
       **iko**      yi      de    tuj      ,    ade  
       i-    ko      y-    i      de    t-    uŋ      a-    de  
       C3P    thing    C3P GEN    eat    INT LOC.DIST      SER eat

“When we had got out, they embarked the minibus, and we got onto the ferry on foot, then bought some things to eat there, and ate.”

5 Wi      **ŋmuuruŋ**      bdëk      umba      wundu  
       w-    i      ŋ- muur -uŋ    b-    dëk    u-    mba    w-    undu  
       C2S    GEN    1P cross SEL    C5S sea    C2S side    C2S DEM.vdist  
       akak      ajej      ukaaru      mënṭan      haŋ      atool      pya  
       a-    kak    a-    jej    u-    kaaru    mënṭan    haŋ    a-    tool    p-    ya  
       SER REP    SER take    C2S car    that      DEM    SER leave    INF go  
       **duuṭ**  
       duuṭ  
       up\_there

“When we had crossed the river to the other side, we again took that minibus, and set off to go the Casamance”

6 Wi      **ŋdoonj**      aya      aban      kañog  
       w-    i      ŋ- do -oŋ    a-    ya    a-    ban    k-      a-    ñog  
       C2S    GEN    1P INGR SEL    SER go    SER arrive    IMPERF    SER be\_close  
       **duuṭ**      kë      ŋpaṭ bgah      ŋi      Diaroume    ,  
       duuṭ      kë      ŋ- paṭ bgah      ŋ-    i      Diaroume  
       up\_there    DS    1P junction    C2P GEN    Diaroume

“When we had arrived in the Casamance, at the Diaroume junction,”

7 ime      iko      yi      duuṭ      ,    iko  
       i-    me    i-    ko    y-    i      duuṭ      i-    ko  
       2S know    C3P thing    C3P GEN    up\_there      C3P thing  
       ide      yi      duuṭ  
       i-    de    y-    i      duuṭ  
       C3P edible    C3P GEN    up\_there

“(you know the Casamance, the things that are eaten in the Casamance”

8 **woli iwo tiiji tam baloŋ**  
 woli i- wo t- i i- ji tam ba- loŋ  
 if C3P be INT LOC.PROX C3P HAB be\_hard C1P INDEF  
**baanji bahil pnug ya kë ado**  
 ba- an- ji ba- hil p- nug y- a kë a- do  
 C1P NEG HAB C1P be\_able INF buy C3P OBJ DS SER do  
**ya bnuura**  
 y- a bnuura  
 C3P OBJ well

“if they are here, they are expensive, some people cannot buy them and prepare them well”

9 **Kë ŋşë jun pnug uliik kë**  
 kë ŋ- şë jun p- nug u- liik kë  
 DS 1P SEQ begin INF buy C2S peanuts COMP  
**unjuŋi kë ŋbi kanug nug ,**  
 u- n- juŋ -i kë ŋ- bi k- a- nug nug  
 C2S COREF cook SEL DS 1P FUT IMPERF SER buy buy  
**anug mnaana anugran iko atuman**  
 a- nug m- naana a- nug -r -an i- ko a- tuman  
 C1S buy c6p banana SER buy DIST CAUS C3P thing SER fill  
**utak wi ŋwoonaanuŋ**  
 u- tak w- i ŋ- woona -an -uŋ  
 C2S bag C2S GEN 1P come\_from CAUS SEL

“We began to buy cooked peanuts, and we were buying here and there, we bought bananas, we bought things everywhere, and we filled the sack that we had brought with us”

10 **Wi ŋyaaj aban du karat ki**  
 wi ŋ- ya -aj a- ban d- u karat k- i  
 when 1P go SEL SER arrive EXT LOC.DIST garage C3S GEN  
**ŋkaaru kë ukaaru kë unaṭi kë**  
 ŋ- kaaru kë u- kaaru kë u- naṭ -i kë  
 C2P car DS C2S car DS C2S stand CMPL DS  
**ŋwala**  
 ŋ- wala  
 1P come\_down

“When we arrived at the bus garage, the minibus stopped, and we got out”

11 **kë ḥşé pénan kakaarta ki**  
     kë ḥ- şé pén -an ka- kaarta k- i  
     DS 1P SEQ go\_out IMP C3S card C3S GEN  
**aşinun apiitun un apiitun**  
     a- şin -un a- piit -uŋ un a- piit -uŋ  
     C1AS father 1P.OBJ C1S write SEL 1P.subj C1S write SEL  
**bgah bti jibi ḥwoon kataş bgah**  
     b- gah bti jibi ḥ- wo -oŋ k- a- ṭaş b- gah  
     C5S way all like 1P be SEL IMPERF SER follow C5S way  
     “we got out the map that our father had drawn us, on which he drawn the  
     whole route that we had to follow”

12 **kë aya kaban te ḥenkhepar**  
     kë a- ya k- a- ban te ḥ- an- k- hepar  
     DS SER go IMPERF SER arrive until 1P NEG IMPERF ask  
     “for us to arrive without asking.”

13 **Wi ḥtenuŋ kakaarta mëntan kuŋ**  
     wi ḥ- ten -uŋ ka- kaarta mëntan k- uŋ  
     when 1P look\_at SEL C3S card that C3P.cnt DEM.DIST  
**bti aşe tool aṭaş bgah bi**  
     bti a- şe tool a- ṭaş b- gah b- i  
     all SER SEQ leave SER follow C5S way C5S DEM.PROX  
**ayuujuŋ ti kakaarta**  
     a- yuuŋ -uŋ t- i ka- kaarta  
     C1S show SEL INT LOC.PROX C3S card  
     “When we had looked at the map, we straight away followed the route that  
     he had showed us on the map”

14 **aṭaş ṭaş bgah te ado ya aneej**  
     a- ṭaş ṭaş b- gah te a- do ya a- neej  
     SER follow follow C5S way until SER INGR go SER enter  
**du katoh ki aninun ñiinṭ**  
     d- u ka- toh k- i a- nin -un ñ- iinṭ  
     EXT LOC.DIST C3S house C3S GEN C1AS mother 1P.OBJ C1S man  
     “and followed it until we arrived and entered our uncle's house”

15 **Wi ḥbanuŋ awul mnateeña**  
     wi ḥ- ban -uŋ a- wul m- nteeña  
     when 1P arrive SEL SER give C8 greetings  
     “When we arrived, we gave our greetings”

16 **Nin aloj ti katoḥ**  
 nin a- loj t̪- i ka- toh  
 NEG C1S INDEF INT LOC.PROX C3S house

**aanyikrēnun**  
 a- ēn- yikrēn -un  
 C1S NEG recognise 1P.OBJ  
 “No-one in the house recognised us”

17 **Aninun ñiinṭ aando yikrēnun**  
 a- nin -un ñ- iinṭ a- an- do yikrēn -un  
 C1AS mother 1P.OBJ C1S man C1S NEG INGR recognise 1P.OBJ  
 parce que **wi awinuŋ un ujoni**  
 wi a- win -uŋ un u- jon -i  
 when C1S see SEL 1P.subj C2S last CMPL

“Our uncle didn’t even recognise us, because it was a long time since he had last seen us”

18 **ŋhoj wori mënṭan bapoṭ bampoṭi**  
 ŋ- hoj wori mënṭan ba- poṭ ba- m- poṭ -i  
 1P be\_still time that C1P child C1P COREF be\_small PTCP  
**te ado ya adëm**  
 te a- do ya a- dëm  
 until SER INGR go SER grow

“We were still, at that time, small children and since then we had been growing”

19 parce que **wori mënṭan nji dka ŋşubal iñeen**  
 wori mënṭan nji d- ka ŋ- şubal i- ñeen  
 time that 1s 1s have C2P year C3P ten  
**na ŋpaaj na uloolan**  
 na ŋ- paaj na u- loolan  
 and 1P six and C2S one  
 “because I was seventeen at that time”

20 **ukaan̄ kë baanyikrēn un**  
 u- ka -an̄ kë ba- an- yikrēn un  
 C2S have SEL DS C1P NEG recognise 1P.subj  
 “and so that’s why they didn’t recognise us”

21 **Wi nji kapēnuŋ da , dka wori**  
 wi nji ka- pēn -uŋ d- a d- ka wori  
 when 1S 1S.ALT go\_out SEL C9S OBJ 1S have time  
**mënṭan ŋşubal paaj**  
 mënṭan ŋ- şubal paaj  
 that C2P year six  
 “When I left there I had been six years old”

22 **Baṭoo**      **ŋṣubal**      **iñeen**      **na**      **uṣubal**      ,      **kē**  
 ba- ṭo -o      ŋ- ūbal      i- ñeen      na u- ūbal      kē  
 C1P sit CMPL C2P year C3P ten and C2S rain DS  
**baanwinën**      **ukaaj** **kē**      **baanyikrënën**  
 ba- an- win -en      u- ka -aj kē      ba- an- yikrën -en  
 C1P NEG see 1s.OBJ C2S have SEL DS C5S NEG recognise 1s.OBJ  
**na aṭa**      **naan**      **bti**  
 na a- ṭa      naan bti  
 and C1AS young\_sibling 1s.GEN all

“Eleven years had passed without them seeing me and this is why they didn't recognise either me or my brother”

23 **kē mbaa**      **ṭoo**      **ṭuŋ**      **aṭup**      **bakan**  
 kē m- baa ṭo -o ṭ- uŋ a- ṭup bakan  
 DS 1s.SUB tmtv sit CMPL INT LOC.DIST C1S speak C1P.OBJ  
**bti dko**      **di**      **ŋpēnuŋ**      **kē babaa**  
 bti d- ko d- i      ŋ- pēn -uŋ kē ba- baa  
 all C9S place EXT LOC.PROX 1P go\_out SEL DS C1P tmtv  
**leş**  
 leş  
 remember

“I ended up staying there and telling them all where we came from and they finally remembered”

24 **aninun**      **ñiinṭ**      **kē alilani**  
 a- nin -un ñ- iinṭ kē a- lil -an -i  
 C1AS mother 1P.OBJ C1S man DS C1S be\_good CAUS CMPL  
**na aharul**      **bti**  
 na a- har -ul bti  
 and C1AS wife 3s.POSS all

“Our uncle was very pleased and so was his wife”

25 **Kē bapēnan**      **iko**      **yi**      **de**      ,      **iko**  
 kē ba- pēn -an i- ko y- i de i- ko  
 DS C1P go\_out CAUS C3P thing C3P GEN eat C3P thing  
**yi**      **de**      **yi**      **duuṭ**  
 y- i de y- i duuṭ  
 C3P GEN eat C3P GEN up\_there

“They got out things to eat, things to eat from the Casamance”

26 **unkaara**, **mkonkombra**, **mnkem** **kë ñde**  
 u- nkaara m- konkombra mn- kem kë ñ- de  
 C2s peanuts C6P cucumber C6P palm\_nut DS 1P eat

**tuŋ** **bti** **kë balilani**  
 t- uŋ bti kë ba- lil -an -i  
 INT LOC.DIST all DS C1P be\_good CAUS CMPL

“Peanuts, cucumbers, palm nuts, and we ate from them all and they were happy”

27 **Faan** **kë afiŋarun** **unkuma**, **adu**  
 faan kë a- fiŋ -ar -un u- nkuma a- du  
 tomorrow DS C1S kill BEN 1P.OBJ C2S pig SER call

**bañaaŋ** **ado** **mnilitan**

ba- ñaaŋ a- do mn- litan  
 C1P person SER do C8 happiness

“The following day he killed a pig for us, and called people to show their happiness”

28 **Wi** **ŋt̪ooŋ** **tuŋ** **ŋnuur**  
 wi ŋ- t̪o -oŋ tuŋ ŋ- nuur  
 when 1P sit SEL INT LOC.DIST C2P day

**ŋanduki** **kë pwin** **bayiṭun**  
 ŋa- n- duk -i kë p- win ba- yiṭ -un  
 C2P COREF leave PTCP DS INF see C1P relative 1P.OBJ

“While we stayed there the rest of the days that were left for seeing our relatives”

29 **kë ŋšë** **ji** **ŋya** **ti** **ŋntabanka**  
 kë ŋ- šë ji ŋ- ya ti ŋ- ntabanka  
 DS 1P SEQ HAB 1P go INT LOC.PROX C2P village

**ŋmpot̪i** **ŋuŋ**

ŋ- mpoṭi ŋ- uŋ  
 C2P small C2P DEM.DIST

“we went to those little villages”

30 **Antidi** **ŋba** **pnoorfën** **pi** **ŋyaaj**  
 antidi ŋ- ba p- noorfën pi ŋ- ya -aj  
 before 1P tmtv C4S rest C4S GEN 1P go SEL

**ŋñaay** **bayiṭun** **bti** **Tugtor** **ame**  
 ŋ- ñaay ba- yiṭ -un bti Tugtor a- me  
 1P walk\_about C1P relative 1P.OBJ all Ziguinchor SER know

**bakan** **bti**.  
 bakan bti  
 C1P.OBJ all

“Before we finished the holiday we had taken, we went around all our Ziguinchor relatives to know them all” (*antidi* is a Creole word)

31 **Unuur wi nk̡tiişun , baando**  
 u- nuur w- i n̡- k- t̡iis -uŋ ba- an- do  
 C2S day C2S GEN 1P IMPERF go\_home SEL C1P NEG INGR  
**n̡al n̡tiis**  
**n̡al n̡- t̡iis**  
 like 1P go\_home  
 “The day that we left, they didn't even want us to go”

32 **ŋ̡aalaad na bakan t̡uŋ bti ,**  
 n̡- ŋ̡aal -ad na bakan t̡- uŋ bti  
 1P get\_used\_to RCP and C1P.OBJ INT LOC.DIST all  
**wi nk̡tiişun , un n̡endo n̡al**  
 w- i n̡- k- t̡iis -uŋ un n̡- an- do n̡al  
 C2S GEN 1P IMPERF go\_home SEL 1P.subj 1P NEG INGR like  
**p̡tiis**  
 p- t̡iis  
 INF go\_home  
 “We had got know all of them there and when we were going home, we also  
 didn't want to leave”

33 Parce que **baṭaalad bi n̡aalaadun**  
 ba- ŋ̡aalad b- i n̡- ŋ̡aal -ad -uŋ  
 C1P relationship C1P GEN 1P get\_used\_to RCP SEL  
**na bakan , n̡bi n̡al n̡al p̡to da .**  
 na bakan n̡- bi n̡al n̡al p- ṭo d- a  
 and C1P.OBJ 1P PST like like INF sit C9S OBJ  
 “Because of the relationships we had made, we just wanted to stay”

34 **Ma n̡dohara pli ploolan aşe t̡iis**  
 ma n̡- do -hara p- li p- loolan a- şe t̡iis  
 but 1P do CONC C4S month C4S one SER SEQ go\_home  
**k̡e bañaan̡ k̡e balilan t̡uŋ bti**  
 k̡e ba- ñaan̡ k̡e ba- lil -an t̡- uŋ bti  
 DS C1P person DS C1P be\_good CAUS INT DEM.DIST all  
 “But even though we had stayed only a month before leaving, they were all  
 happy there”