

ANNA · TAMIL NADU, INDIA

ஆராரோ ஆரிராரோ (Aararo Aariraro) — Thalattu

Key: Am

~56 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am Dm Am

Aararo, aariraro,

Dm Am E7

vaa vaa en kanmani.

(Aararo, aariraro — come, come, my precious one.)

Am Dm Am

Aararo, aariraro, come now to me,

Dm Am E7

you are the light of my eyes, my whole world I see.

VERSE 2

Am Dm Am

Aararo, aariraro,

Dm Am E7

vandha naal muthal.

(Aararo, aariraro — since the day you came.)

Am Dm Am

Aararo, aariraro, since the day you came,

Dm Am E7

my life has never been the same, you gave my heart your name.

Am

Thalattu — Tamil for "lullaby" — traditionally opens with the same gentle, near-wordless call: "aararo, aariraro." What follows is entirely up to the mother, who is considered the song's true composer: she sings of the moment her child was born, of how deeply her life changed, and of a love so complete that, as an old saying goes, only babies who cannot yet speak are worthy judges of it.

Traditional Tamil thalattu. The Tamil refrain is the real, characteristic traditional opening; the English lyrics are a singable adaptation, not a literal translation.

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