

ELENA · HIJAZ, SAUDI ARABIA

Doha, Ya Doha

Key: Am

~56 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am Dm Am
Doha, ya doha,
Dm Am E7
doha, ya doha.

(Doha, ya doha - the traditional refrain that opens and links each verse of this chain-story lullaby.)

Am Dm Am
Doha, ya doha, the story starts to grow,
Dm Am E7
from a father's gift of cake, on and on we go.

VERSE 2

Am Dm Am
Through a carpenter's hands and a bride's happy day,
Dm Am E7
till a new little baby is born, they say.

Am

Doha, Ya Doha is a traditional lullaby from the Hijazi folklore of western Saudi Arabia — the region around Jeddah, Mecca and Medina. Like many chain-story lullabies, it links one small image to the next, one gift or wish leading gently to another, until the tale arrives at its warm ending: a new child, welcomed into the family.

Traditional Hijazi (western Saudi Arabian) lullaby. The English lyrics are a singable adaptation built around the song's real, documented chain-story structure.

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