

NELLY · SRI LANKA

Doi Doi Doi Doiya Putha

Key: C

~58 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

C F C
 Doi doi doi doiya putha,
F C G7
 bai bai bai baiya putha.
(Hush, hush, my child — sleep, sleep, my child.)

C F C
 Hush now, hush now, my little one, hush,
F C G7
 sleep now, sleep now, my little one, sleep.

VERSE 2

C F C
 The evening's come to still the trees, the birds have gone to rest,
F C G7
 so hush now, hush now, little one, and sleep upon my chest.

C

Doi Doi Doi Doiya Putha uses the kind of soft, repeated syllables found in lullabies the world over — sounds chosen less for meaning than for the comfort of their rhythm. In Sri Lanka these gentle "doi doi" and "bai bai" refrains have soothed children for generations, often improvised and extended endlessly until sleep finally arrives.

Traditional Sinhala lullaby. The vocalisations here are real, documented traditional syllables; the English lyrics are a singable adaptation offered as a respectful tribute.

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