

LU · WEST BENGAL, INDIA

ঘুম পাড়ানি মাসি পিসি (Ghum Parani Mashi Pishi)

Key: C

~58 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

C **F** **C**
Aunties, aunties, put us to sleep, come over to the house,
F **C** **G7**
I have no bed, no mattress — sit on the little one's bed.

VERSE 2

C **F** **C**
I'll give you betel leaf to chew, eat your fill and stay,
F **C** **G7**
there's no sleep in Khoka's eyes — put him to sleep before you go away.

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Ghum Parani Mashi Pishi ("Sleep-Bringing Aunties") calls on imaginary aunties to come help lull a restless child, offering them betel leaf and a place to sit as a kind of playful bribe. It uses the classic Bengali endearments "Khoka" (little boy) and "Khuku" (little girl) — swapped freely depending on who is being sung to sleep — and remains one of the most recognisable lullabies across West Bengal.

Traditional Bengali lullaby (West Bengal, India). Lyrics adapted from the documented traditional English translation of the original verses.

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