

TOBIA · IRAN

Lalayi

Key: C

~56 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

C F C
Lalayi, lalayi, close your eyes and rest,
F C G7
the moon is rising softly over the mountain's crest.

VERSE 2

C F C
Lalayi, lalayi, my heart, my soul, my own,
F C G7
sleep now, sleep now, little one, you're never, ever alone.

C

In Iran, lalayi is both a word and a whole living tradition — mothers have sung their children to sleep this way for thousands of years, each one composing her own gentle words in the moment, heart to heart. There is no single "correct" lalayi; it is remade quietly, night after night, in homes across the country.

Traditional Persian lullaby style. The English lyrics are an original singable arrangement offered as a respectful tribute to the lalayi tradition.

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