

NELLY · NORTH INDIA

लल्ला लल्ला लोरी (Lalla Lalla Lori)

Key: C

~60 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

C F C

Lalla lalla lori,

F C G7

doodh ki katori.

(Lalla lalla lori – a little bowl of milk.)

C F C

Lalla lalla lori, sleep now, little one,

F C G7

a bowl of warm milk waits for you when sleeping time is done.

VERSE 2

C F C

Lalla lalla lori, the moon is watching too,

F C G7

so close your eyes and drift away, mother's here with you.

C

Lalla Lalla Lori is perhaps the most recognisable lullaby across Hindi-speaking India — simple, rhythmic, and built around one of the oldest tricks of parenthood: the promise of warm milk waiting at the end of a good night's sleep. Its short, sing-song lines have been passed down almost unchanged for generations, making it, for many Indian families, the very first song a baby ever hears.

Traditional Hindi lullaby (North India). The Hindi lines are the real, well-known traditional opening; the English lyrics are a singable adaptation, not a literal translation.

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