

ANNA · BRAZIL

Nana Neném / Boi da Cara Preta

Key: Am

~58 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am Dm Am

Nana, nana, nenê,

Dm Am E7

que a cuca vai pegar.

(Sleep, sleep, baby - or the Cuca will come and get you.)

Am Dm Am

Sleep now, sleep now, little one,

Dm Am E7

or the Cuca's coming near!

VERSE 2

Am Dm Am

Boi, boi, boi,

Dm Am E7

boi da cara preta.

(Ox, ox, ox - the black-faced ox.)

Am Dm Am

Mama's gone out to the fields,

Dm Am E7

papa's gone to work today.

Am

Nana Neném and Boi da Cara Preta are two of the most widely recognized lullabies in Brazil, often sung back to back. Despite their sweet, rocking melodies, both playfully invoke folklore figures — the Cuca, a shape-shifting creature from Brazilian legend, and a black-faced ox — in a long tradition of gently coaxing children toward sleep with a little friendly mischief.

Traditional Brazilian lullabies, passed down through oral tradition. The English lines here are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, offered as a respectful tribute — not a literal translation.

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