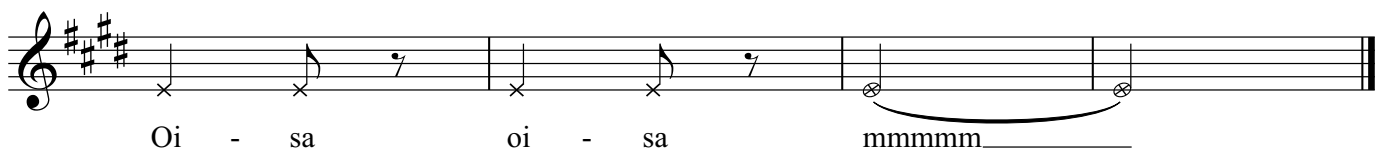# Naba Guatarè
in Meriam Mer language

Traditional
from Mer Island (Murray Island)
as taught by Aunty Kay & Uncle Noel Zaro

Na-ba gua-ta - rè___ na-ba gua-ta - rè La - gèr i - ko - mi na-ba gua-ta - rè

Da - bo - ra - rè na - ba kès - mèr - rè Na - ba ti - èg - gè!

La - gèr mu - kub da - bo - ra - rè Ko - mi na - ba gua - ta - rè

Oi - sa oi - sa mmmmm_____

Naba Guatarè (*pronounced naba gwa-ta-reh*) is a song about pulling ropes,
for tug-of-war as well as pulling pearl-divers out of the water on to the deck of a pearl lugger.

Elders and cultural custodians of this song from Mer Island (Murray Island) have kindly given permission
for this song to be taught and sung for educational purposes.

They also gave permission for *ABC Let's Sing* and *Music in Me* to use the song for on-screen
and/or educational purposes.

Copyight remains with the Mer (Meriam) people of Mer Island (Murray Island).
Anyone wishing to arrange this song should first consult Elders
and cultural guardians from Mer Island (Murray Island).