

siýaasic ḥupin – You Are My Sunshine

Kyuquot-Checleseht Nuu-chah-nulth version

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siýaasic ḥupin, ?anaakiis ḥupin.

čimqƛapic siičił ɬiwaḥya?λquu.

wiiyayiik huhtik qʷaa?akiis yaa?ak.

wikii kapšiλ siýaasi ḥupin.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

You make me happy when skies are grey.

You never know, dear, how much I love you.

Oh please don't take my sunshine away.

qʷiyaqs ?athinti wa?ič, ?u?uutliis

ɬapkʷantiis suutił qaañimsas.

λimkša?λnaqs ?inhaaλ puupuuc ɬiitɬiitackʷ.

?ah?aaλiis ɬiihšiλ wiiñaqλsas.

The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping,

I dreamt I held you in my arms.

But when I woke, dear, I was mistaken.

And so I hung my head and cried.

yaa?aktquus ɬiñaqst, tup?aqλčikλ yaacuk,  
ɬaciis wiiqseeλquu kaλhsaapšpiik.

?in?uuλiis qaañimk siýaasi ḥupin,  
huhtiks wiiyayiis čawaačink.

When I am troubled, and walk in darkness,  
your light will guide me through the storm.

Because I love you, my precious sunshine,  
I know I never am alone.