



## Penguin Young Readers Chants

### ***The Waters of Life***

#### **British English**

#### **Level 3**

#### **Chant 1: The Waters of Life**

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!  
Save your wife  
And your people

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!  
Go and look  
For the medicine

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!  
The god Manitou  
Gives medicine

Nekumonta! Nekumonta!  
Go quickly!  
It will be too late

#### **Chant 2: The Waters of Life**

Look for the waters of life, Nekumonta  
Look for the waters of life  
Find the waters of life, Nekumonta  
And Shanewis will live

Nekumonta, you saved us!  
You found the waters of life  
Our people will always remember you  
And Shanewis does live

#### **Chant 3: Krishna and the River Snake**

Under green water  
Swims Kaliya  
Kaliya the king of snakes

Looking for a new home  
Under green water  
Kaliya the king of snakes

Kaliya swims  
And kills everything  
Kaliya the king of snakes

Under green water  
Swims Kaliya





Kaliya the king of snakes

## **Chant 4: Krishna and the River Snake**

Krishna's dancing  
Dancing on Kaliya  
His feet hit Kaliya  
Again and again

Krishna's dancing  
The great god's dancing  
Kaliya and his wife  
Must swim away

Krishna's dancing  
Dancing on Kaliya  
His feet hit Kaliya  
Again and again

## **Chant 5. White Cloud Fairy**

One little white cloud  
Up in the blue sky  
White Cloud Fairy  
Heard the woman's cry

One little white cloud  
Up in the blue sky  
White Cloud Fairy  
Heard the baby cry

One little white cloud  
Up in the sky said  
Poor little baby  
and she cried too

White Cloud Fairy  
Crying in the sky  
Made the river run  
and the water flow

## **Chant 6. White Cloud Fairy**

Sand in the river  
No more water  
The Sand God blew  
He blew and blew

Sand over villages  
Sand over towns





The Sand God blew  
He blew and blew

Sand is everywhere  
The water has gone  
The Sand God blew  
He blew and blew

**Chant 7. White Cloud Fairy**

White Cloud Fairy  
Puts the moon down  
A moon lake!

The Sand God  
blows sand  
No moon lake!

White Cloud Fairy  
Blows it back!  
Moon lake

