

The Prayer to Tioba

A new transcription:

Ance ewa ke amarake, Tioba!
Tani maniman manau matai,
Ngangatu manau te bane, heu.
Nei Tioniba mane Teung binanti
Taboakina["], Matanakina⁽¹⁾, Taboakina⁽²⁾.
Kanae ke. baki aeⁱ, Tioba-o.
Matanakinaⁱ.

A free translation:

How great an offering of food is laid out there,
Nehovah!
Your followers are filled with envy,
Thousands cover it, O Jesus.
Spirits and voices of the waving palms
Cast me to witness
And examination.
Call me to witness.
For, it is to you this offering is made, Nehovah.
^{Tioba!}
For, examine me.

The Hymn of Tioba

A new transcription:

Ai tiba kamoā,
Mutiai !
E tuai bubutai itiam
Ba e a bue naonu ma.
Koro te ai ai bubua.
Moumou, moumou - e - a
Moumou, moumou - e - ma.
Mi ti karae tuta tata,
Ruama, Mamamau, Akeake.
Ai tata ouaua, mamamau
Akea ie Tibatiba. Oo, oo.
Ois ois, Ribatiba, Kobakiba.
Tabu.

A free translation:

How full of pride was I not long ago,
O save me !
Your glory's not grown dim,
A flame of deep devotion
Burns bright within me.
Bow down, bow down, bow low - o - o !
Bow down, bow down, bow low - o - o !
In joy now let us join together
And circle rapidly around.
Separate and lonely we shall fall away
Bewildered, quickly go astray.
Let there be no retreat
From unity ! Therein lies our strength,
In company. Together, we are blessed.