

## **Macaq pettam Iraluq - The Sun and the Moon**

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*They used to talk about telling stories, you know, [for a] pastime.*

*Their pastime was telling stories.*

*Unigkua'at, they called them, fairytales.*

*Legends, they call them, fairytales.*

*Ayaa, cali ukuk gwani quliyanguiskegka: Macaq pettam Iraluq.*

*On my, and then here is a story about these two that I was told: the Sun and the Moon.*

*Macaq, una gua'i arnaq.*

*This sun here is a woman.*

*Arnaun'itaaqiit Macaq uqnarsaqluku (laughter).*

*They say the sun is a woman because it is hot.*

*Una Iraluq nukallpiaq.*

*This Moon is a man.*

*Kesiin una Macaq sister-ra. Una Iraluq brother-ra.*

*Except this Sun is his sister. This Moon is her brother.*

*Brother and sister. Yeah, sister and brother.*

*Macaq is the sister; Iraluq is the brother.*

*The Sun is the sister; the Moon is the brother.*

*Una arya'aq cuumi elliin—*

*This girl in the past—*

*suu'ut cuumi suu'utamallriit eprinateng.*

*the people before the way they used to live they were very clean.*

*Una arya'aq aqumasau'uskan*

*This girl when when she got her first menstruation (and was sitting in or sequestered)*

*—I don't know if you understand that, you know.*

*Patulluku arnauskan—you understand that—patulluku petta.*

*When becoming a woman she would be sequestered—you understand that—like closed off.*

Awa'i kiiyan et'slluku epriyutnati.  
*And so she would be there alone until she was clean.*

Awa'i petta, taugna aya'aq patulluku.  
*Now then, that girl she was sequestered.*

Ciqllu'ami-naa et'aa'umaluteng. Ciqllu'ami allakaan patulluku.  
*They must have been in a sod house. In the sod house by herself she was closed off.*

Amlerluteng ciqllugait allrak.  
*I suppose there were lots of sod houses.*

Tawa'ut kiiyan patulluku epriyutnati, pettam neregkwarluku tawani, *you know.*  
*Alone she was shut off until she was clean, and she could only eat their by herself, you know.*

Tawani maqirkuarluku.  
*There she bathed.*

Kesiin aulirnatí anegkwarkunaku.  
*Only when she stopped (her cycle), only then could she be let out.*

Awa'i petta una tan'uraq,  
*And so this boy,*

tan'urarem taugna *sister*-ni allrak tamarluku.  
*the boy maybe he had lost his sister.*

Niu'utegkunaku, cuumi ellin niu'utanillkait uswiillra'ateng.  
*Nobody told him about her, because they didn't tell children (those things).*

Tamarluku niu'utegkunaku. Kesiin, taugna tan'uraq nat-naama *sister*-ra (alqara). (3:15)  
*He lost her and he wasn't told. Only, that boy didn't know where his sister was at.*

Awa'i pettá kuingnermini allrak taugna tan'uraq,  
*And so perhaps that boy while he was walking,*

taugna nallunriarluku aya'aq tawani patusngauq.  
*he found the girl who was closed off over there.*

Kesiin nalluluku ellin *sister*-ra.  
*Only, he did not know that she was his sister.*

Awa'i takutaarluku.  
*And so he would always go check on her.*

Nallugkuarluki suu'ut unugmi, unugmi *late*, takularluku.  
*He didn't let people know he would check on her at night, at night late.*

Kesiin nallullutek, *you know*, sister-qullutek brother-qullutek.  
*Although those two did not know they were sister and brother, you know.*

Tang'rutegekunatek, tamlegluni, tamlegmi.  
*They could not see each other in the darkness, in the dark.*

Awa'i takutaarluku, caqimek pikarq'lluku.  
*So he would check on her, and he would bring something for her.*

Awa'i atakuku petta tek'iullutek, asi'ingan.  
*A little while later, those two had a chance to do it when she was better (done menstruating).*

Pettam, tekiut'kacamek aningan taugna anluni,  
*And then, after they had a chance to do it (got together) she went outside.*

Awa'i, sister-ra pettam taugum tang'rluku, *you know*, ellin wiiwani.  
*And so then he sees she is his sister, you know, as he is circling [orbiting].*

Nalluluku wiiwani tang'rurguimaluku taugum Iralum.  
*She is ignorant as he circles, and then she sees that the Moon see her (for who she is).*

Awa qikulutek.  
*Now they are ashamed.*

Qikiwakarllutek uniyullutek.  
*And they (two) are very ashamed and they separate from each other.*

Allriluq east agluni, allriluq west taaten uniyullutek.  
*One goes east, one goes west, that is how they part from each other.*

Qikilutek, aglutek.  
*Those two are ashamed, and so they go.*

Tekiutan'ituq [nerua?] taaten.  
*They never get together like that after that.*

Tang'ruteriuq, *you know*, nallullutek.  
*She sees, you know, those two did not know it.*

Nallukuku ellin brother-ra, sister-ra.  
*Because she did not know he was her brother, and she was his sister.*

Pettam anngan, tawaken arya'aq taugna litaqlluku ellin sister-ni.  
*So when he went out, from there after the girl learned that she was his sister.*

Awa'i qikiwakarlutek uniyullutek.  
*Now those two were very much ashamed and they separate from each other.*

Macaq-gua arya'aq. Una Iraluq tan'uraq.  
*The sun here is a girl. The moon is a boy.*

Yeah, unigkua'utaaqait'kut.  
*Yeah, they always used to tell legends.*

*That old man used to come...Geez, there was all kinds [of stories]!*

Kesiin, nalluya'utanka-ruq ilait.  
*Except, I forgot the other parts.*

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