SEVEN SISTERS – Lee Morgan Translated by Dr V Couzens, Dr T Eira March 2021

1st verse.

This is the story

kooweetpa deen

Of the seven sisters

Koorrokeeyarr

Always together

Takoort watnanda

With each other

Takoort Watnanda

Waa was the crow

Waa (deen Waa)

He fell in love

Yarnda-nyoong keeyan toopoo

With one of the sisters

ngeerangoon -ee

Ngeangarra Leyarngaah spelling)???

leeyn-yoong Ngeeanggarra.

All of the sisters

Takoort ngeerangoon

Turned their backs on him

Poorree-mangee-yana-tja

So Waa had a plan

Waa poorree-nhakee-n-yoong

To separate their kin

Toora-toorama-nhoonampee

He used his magic

Mooyoop-marrang-a

To cast a spell

Yoonda-n yoomba mooroop

On Leyarnaah Ngeeanggarra

Ngeeanggarra-nyoong

To draw her in

Wamba-nyoong

BRIDGE.

Up in the night sky

Pooroyn moornang-oo kanoo

We see all around

Ngakee-wan takoort

The seven sisters

Koorrokeeyarr

Come shining down

Wata walawa-wanyoo

Come shine down/there

CHORUS.

The seven sisters

Koorokeeyarr

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2nd VERSE.

They flew to the night sky

Kan-oo nhoonampee pooroyn-moornang-oo

Now they're frozen in time

Keenanpa-koopa nhoonampee

The sisters felt sorrow

Ngeerangoon weeraka-leeyt

And they followed behind

Nhoonampee yana-wart-kat

Now they live in our memory

Pang ngooteen weerng-ngeeye

For all eternity

Takoort-ee keenanpa

With Waa & the sisters

Waa ba Ngeerangoon-ee

Together they shine

Watnanda walawa-tja

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