Chastushka
Song of the Balalaika
Russian Folksong, arranged by O. Kolovskii

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Quietly, imitating a balalaika (♩ = 80)

T.1
Dżen' ba-lá-la-čka pod-y-ru-ga, ty sy-gy-rai-ka mn'e prá-dy-ru-ga,
Sing, ba-lá-la-ka, ring, ba-lá-la-ka, Send to my loved one word of my yearning;

T.2
Dżen' ba-lá-la-čka pod-y-ru-ga, ty sy-gy-rai-ka mn'e prá-dy-ru-ga,
Sing, ba-lá-la-ka, ring, ba-lá-la-ka, Send to my loved one word of my yearning;

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Dżen', ba-lá-la-čka pod-y-ru-ga, ty sy-gy-rai-ka mn'e prá-dy-ru-ga,
Sing, ba-lá-la-ka, ring, ba-lá-la-ka, Send to my loved one word of my yearning;

B.2
Dżen', dżen', dżen', dżen',
Sing, ring, sing, ring,

Solo 2 mp (dreamily)

A ja za-

T.1
ohk moi dro-l'a da, da-l'e-ko, ohk, on, on n'e pi-shet pis'me-ťso, ohk. (humming)
Tell how I want her, now we are part-ed, Tell how my griev-ing heart is burn-ing.

T.2
ohk moi dro-l'a da, da-l'e-ko, ohk, on, on n'e pi-shet pis'me-ťso, ohk. (humming)
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B.2
dżen', sing, dżen', ring, dżen', sing,
Let us, provozhalka, stroll along a shady lane, A dolgo, dolgo the days of country leisure.