

The illustration depicts a vibrant landscape. At the top, a large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the sky, with bands of red, yellow, green, and blue. Below the rainbow, a green, hilly landscape is visible. In the foreground, two trees with brown trunks and red, rounded canopies stand on a dark brown ground. A blue body of water, possibly a lake or river, flows through the scene. The background is a textured blue sky with white speckles, suggesting clouds or a starry sky.

**One Day on a Beautiful Island**

# **Wurlunga Ngurra**

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**Pirntarnkura wangki**



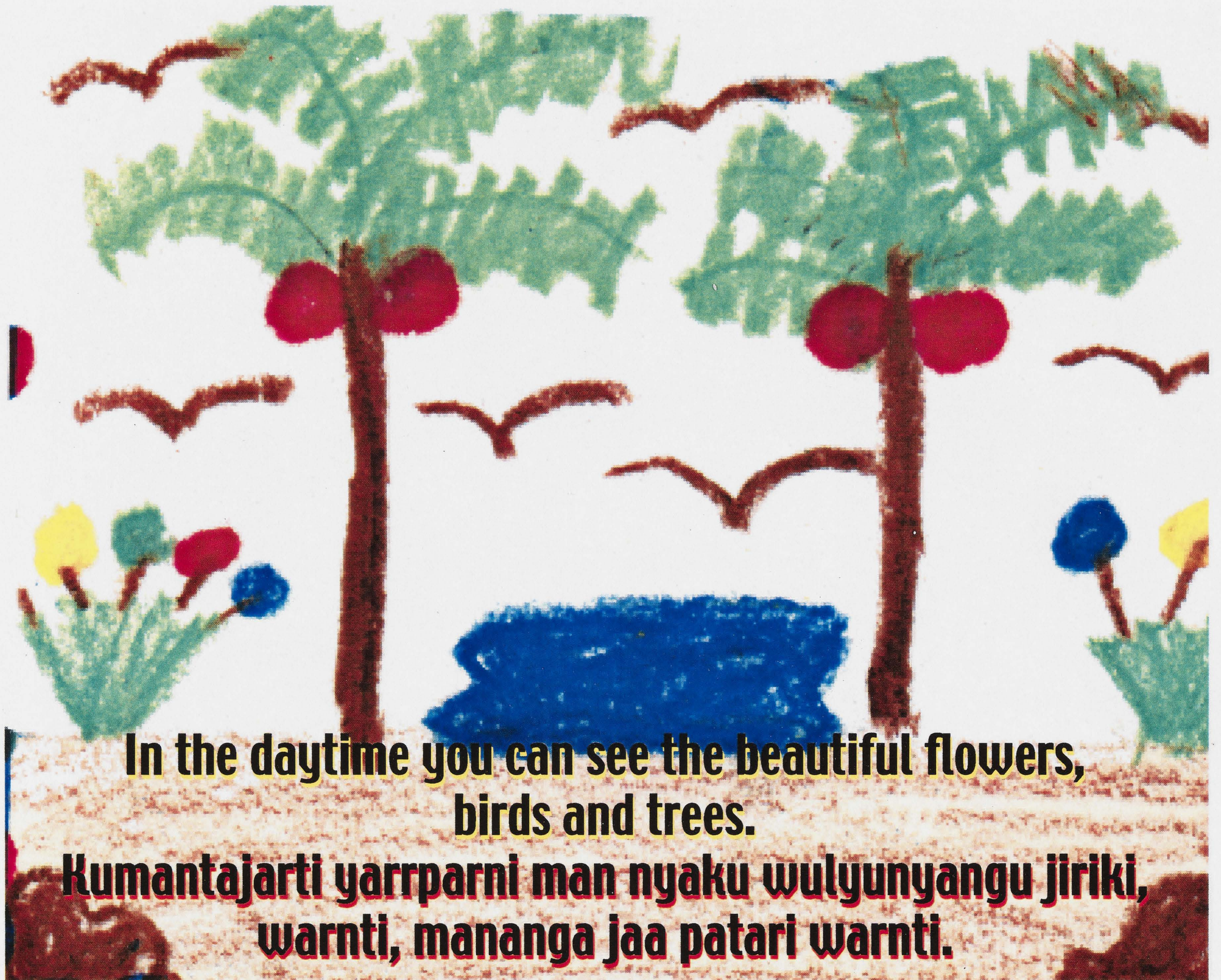


One day on a beautiful island there was no one  
living there at all.

Jarlu wurlunga ngurra. Nayita parlu ngunangantarla.



**You can look at the beautiful sunset.**  
**Karawarrajarti pa wurlyungu purangu ngunangani.**



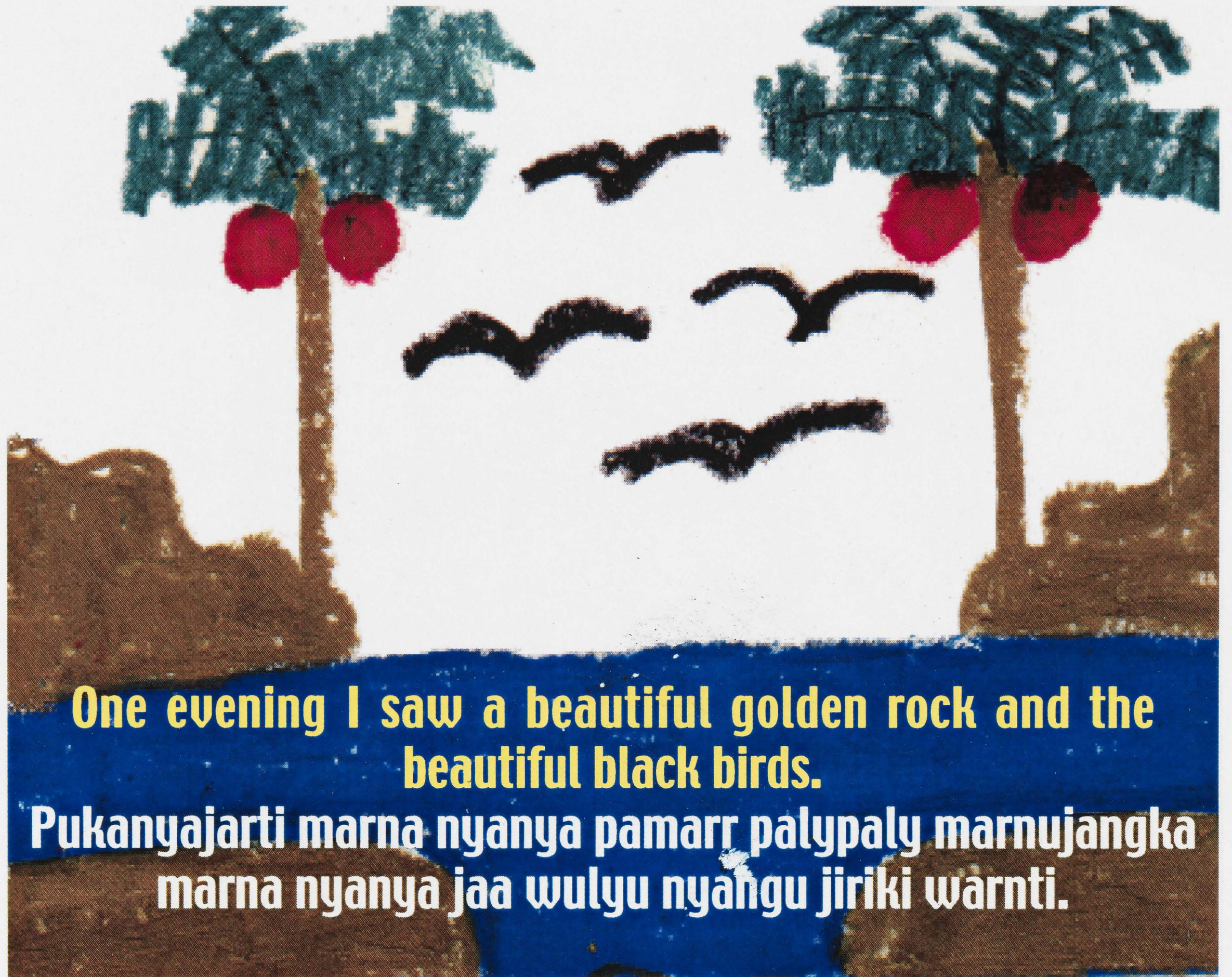
**In the daytime you can see the beautiful flowers,  
birds and trees.**

**Kumantajarti yarrparni man nyaku wulyunyangu jiriki,  
warnti, mananga jaa patari warnti.**



**One day on a beautiful island we saw a beautiful  
rainbow and it was fantastic.**

**Nyanartirla wurlunga ngurra mirtiny parlipa nyangany  
wulyu nyangu part nguniny yalkiringa.**



**One evening I saw a beautiful golden rock and the  
beautiful black birds.**

**Pukanyajarti marna nyanya pamarr palypaly marnujangka  
marna nyanya jaa wulyu nyangu jiriki warnti.**



**One beautiful day I saw the sun and the two big trees and  
the little pool and the beautiful rocks.**

**Layinga purangu marna nyanya purangu turtapungu jangka.  
Kurriny purlka mana jarra jaa ngapa pamarrnga palypaly  
marnujangka.**



# Walmajarri Pronunciation Guide

*a* as in but  
*i* as in bit  
*j* and in join  
*k* as in koala  
*l* as in line  
*m* as in money  
*n* as in nothing  
*p* as in sip  
*r* as in ripe  
*t* as in sit  
*u* as in put  
*w* as in wait

*y* as in yesterday  
*aa* as in path  
*ii* as in beet  
*ly* as in million  
*ng* as in sing  
*ny* as in onion  
*rl* (no equivalent)  
*rn* (no equivalent)  
*rr* (no equivalent)  
*rt* (no equivalent)  
*uu* as in boot

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swimming.**

