

Idnya (the Native Cat)

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1 $\text{♩} = 129$ C G7 C E7 Am

Id - nya the na-tive_cat_ once had a friend

6 F G C

Yu - ras knew him as Vard-na_ the go - an - na.

10 G7 C E7 Am

They'd walk around holding_hands_ while the o - ther kids played.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 129 beats per minute. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system (measures 1-5) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a tempo of 129. The second system (measures 6-9) has a key signature of one sharp. The third system (measures 10-13) has a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and eighth-note patterns.

14

F G C

They knew that their friend-ship would last for e - ver.

18

A⁷ D G

Their home was by a salt lake__ way out__ on the san__ -dy plain._

22

D G

The countryside__ was hot and dry__ for it seldom - e__ -ver rained__

26 G7 C E

But the old peo - ple who were watch - ing them__ were con -

29 A m F

cerned a - bout their__ love af - fair.____ The time had come__ to

32 G C D

sep - a - rate__ the friend - ly pair. So Id - nya said to

36 D7 G D

Vardna__ 'Let'se lope and slip away'__ So they crossed the lake__ then

40 D7 G G7

made a camp__ at the end of a ve - ry long__ day. But a

43 C E Am

hunting par-ty__ fin-'lly caught__ up to them, they speared Id - nya__ who fell to the ground.

46

F G

Then hit Vard - na with a boom - er - ang that made a swish - ing

49

C G D7

sound. Now to - day ___ Id-nya can-not be seen ___ on the

53

G D

bush land ___ roaming a-round. ___ And Vard-na has made ___ his home ___ in a

6.

57

G

G⁷

C

E

sandy hole u-der the ground. _ So that's the sto - ry of Id-nyathe cat_ and

61

A m

F

G

Vardha_ who was a faithful friend. With a love af-fair that last-ed rightun - til the

65

C

C⁷

F

G⁷

C

F

C

end.

With a love af-fair that last - ed rightun-tilthe end.