

Words to represent different sounds caused by an action (verb) have always fascinated me in Slavey - they do also transcend dialects and are common in one place to another. So - I decided to write a teepee rhyme based on common Slavey sounds words. The ones I chose depict crying, laughing and being afraid. I added a 'touch of tender' using family members to represent the gratitude of children for love shown to them. When they are crying, afraid and happy. It is now a song. A catching little Slavey new wave ditty.

VERSE: Dezq̄a ?ahthíit'eh (6X)	We are the children (6X)
Nahendaa káitse (3X)	We cry our eyes out (3X)
Uw̄ā uw̄ā díídih	We say uw̄ā uw̄ā
VERSE: Dezq̄a ?ahthíit'eh (6X)	We are the children (6X)
Dlóó K'íideh (3X)	We go around laughing (3X)
Ha Ha Ha díídih	We say ha ha ha
CHORUS: Gom̄ gotá gotsy gotsie	Mother, father, grandma, grandpa
Nahegh̄niat̄ (2X)	You really love us
Máhsi	Thank you
VERSE: Dezq̄a ?ahthíit'eh (6X)	We are the children (6X)
Níijih dúyé (3X)	We are very scared (3X)
?edúu ?edúu díídih	We say ?edúu ?edúu

*Do the first verse over -
fading out on last line.