Kihnu Island Wedding Songs Traditional, arranged by Olli Kõiva • Translated by Harri Mürk

1. Can't Live Without Luck

(Ei või õnneta elada!)



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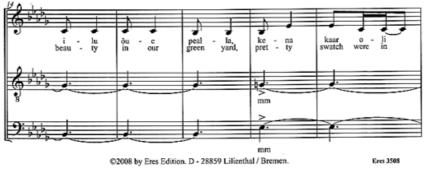
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4. Eat Now, Kinfolk! (Sööge, langud!)

Kihnu is in the Gulf of Riga (Gulf of Livonia) near the Estonian coast. The inhabitants of Kihnu still sing alliterative wedding songs that have their origin in pre-Christian culture. The wedding songs now represent the last living remnant of the Runo or Kalevala song typical of the Finns of the East Baltic, to whom the Estonians belong. The trophaic metrical feet of the wedding songs are clothed in the peculiar syncopated cradle-song rhythm sung in the Bevaeend area. The Runo songs are characterized by a melody that is as long as one line verse and is repeated endlessly as the text continues. In the course of time the typical Kihnu melody has been written down in hundreds of variants.

This choral suite combine some of the variants into a melody that moves towards a climax, whereby different motifs are used for various songs. All of the melody variations used here stem from genuine traditional folksongs, to which the composer has added transitional passages. The form of this compositions assigns in to the culture of Europe. Hence it is not an imitation of the music of the earliest Kihnu culture.

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