

# Nobonob Nius

## *Rit Moa na Save Planti*

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### Nau Em I Taim Bilong Kamap Nupela Gen

Wanpela nait Nikodimas i kam long Jisas

Na Jisas i tokim em,

"Sapos yu no kamap nupela gen

Bai yu no inap lukim kingdom bilong God."

"Bai man i kamap nupela olsem wanem?" Nikodimas i askim.

"Olsem wanem bai man i lukim kingdom bilong God?"

Jisas i bekim em,

"Win em i winim bihainim laik bilong en yet

Yu ken harim nois bilong en,

Tasol yu no inap tok save long wanem hap em i kam long en.

Olsem tasol spirit em i kam.

Spirit i kam olsem win."

Pastaim em i win bilong winim kwik kwik,

Em i strongpela win tru.

Em i winim pipia bilong kon i go pinis.

Em i winim ol samting yumi no laik long en i go pinis

Na gutpela samting tasol i stap.

Em i winim pret bilong yumi i go pinis

Pret bilong yumi long dai,

Pret bilong yumi long laip,

Pret bilong yumi long arapela man,

Pret bilong yumi long samting yumi no save long en,

Pret long taim bihain,

Olsem tasol yumi save pret long lait.

Yes, ol man i pret moa long lait i winim tudak.

Yumi ken hait long tudak,

Tasol lait i mekim olgeta samting i kamap ples klia.

Dispela Holi Spirit em i lait.

Em i no win tasol.

Holi Spirit em i lait,

Olsem em i God

Na i mekim olgeta samting i kamap ples klia. (tanim pes)

I have mentioned in the beginning that the coconut's shape is like the heart of a cow. I think it's the best possible shape. It would be very funny if it were square. And if it were three feet long it wouldn't be as good as the usual shape. Also, there wouldn't be plenty of fruit on the tree if coconuts were square or three feet long. There is no need for them to be in other shapes.

Both the meat and the juice of the coconut smell good. The juice is colourless and tastes much like cold water mixed with sugar. The meat tastes like peanuts when they are dried, but slightly different. But when the coconut meat is scooped out and dried in the sun or by the fire it tastes like roasted peanuts. It is possible that it tastes better. If it doesn't, then it won't be eatable but still will be used as "copra," or a cash crop for the country.

The coconut brings money into the country for its development.

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Pidgin Gita Song (from Lae)

O sori meri tambu,  
Yu hambak long san.  
Yu tanim han,  
Yu sutim tang  
Long mi.  
Taim mi aigris  
Yu luk olsem,  
Yu moa yet.  
Yu tok, "E, ye ye!"  
Na yu ronawe.  
  
Tasol long nait  
Yu surik.  
Mi pulim yu i go antap  
Aninit long Karapuri,\*  
Na mi laik holim susu bilong yu.  
Yu seksek, yu guria:  
Yu singaut, "Mama! Mama!"  
Yu pilim!  
Em i wari bilong yu tasol.

\*Karapuri = tree

(by Beremu H. Sesiguo)

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A three-and-one-half month course in writing, the longest, most intensive training in this field ever to be given in Papua New Guinea, ended on 16 December 1971 with certificates being awarded to eight persons. Four others also received certificates showing completion of a shorter period of training at the Creative Centre.