

Tune Kantele to Dm

Chords Used

Dm	Emb5
D ———	D —○—
E —○—	E ———
F ———	F —○—
G —○—	G ———
A ———	A —○—

Väinämöinen's Birth

Composer: Lani K. Thompson

Lyrics by Lani K. Thompson

(except as noted)

1 $\text{♩} = 113$ **Dm** **Emb5** **Dm** **Emb5** **Dm** **Emb5 Dm**

Love - ly daugh - ter of the E - ther, Wa - ter Moth - er has be - come.

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piccolo kantele

5 **Emb5** **Dm** **Emb5** **Dm** **Emb5Dm** **Emb5** **Dm** **Emb5** **Dm**

Se - ven hun - dred years she la - bors, 'Till her eld - est son is born.

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2. Take me, thou, O Bear of Heaven*
Take me, thou, O Sun, I pray.*
Take me, thou, O Moon, above me,
Let me see the light of day.

3. Let me wander from the ocean
Let me walk upon the sand.
Let me see the moon and sunlight
And the Great Bear's starry land.

4. But the moon refused to free him.
And the sun would give no aid.
Neither would the Great Bear lead him
From the fortress where he lay.

5. Bursts he then the outer portals*,
Swims he through the deep blue sea.
Steps he then from out the water,
Stands erect and starts to breathe.

6. Sees he then the silver sunshine,
Sees the golden moonlight, too.
Sees the Great Bear and the white stars --
Väinämöinen, hero true!

* = line from the 1888 translation
of The Kalevala by J. M. Crawford.