## ካላይ ንኣትክልቲ ትዛረቦም Khalai talks to plants

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This is Khalai. She is seven years old. Her name means 'the good one' in her language, Lubukusu.

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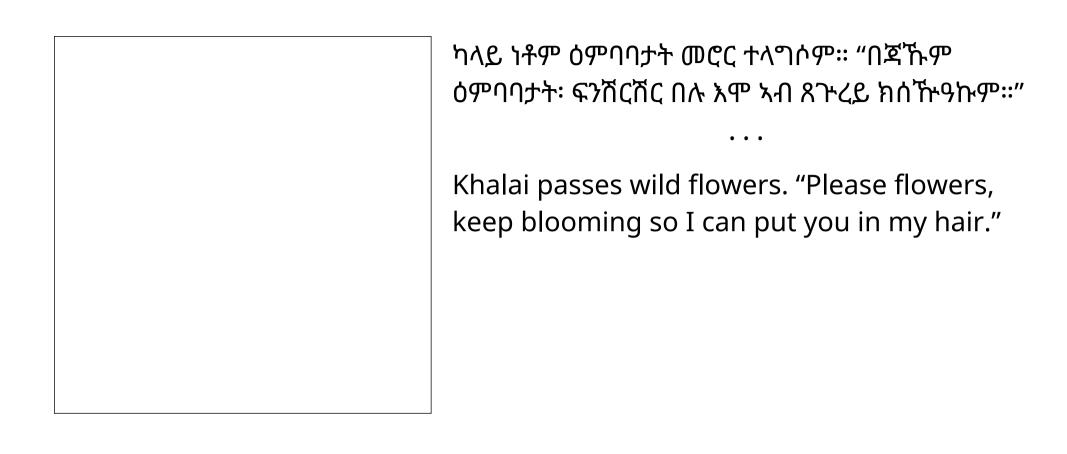
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Khalai wakes up and talks to the orange tree. "Please orange tree, grow big and give us lots of ripe oranges."

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Khalai walks to school. On the way she talks to the grass. "Please grass, grow greener and don't dry up."



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At school, Khalai talks to the tree in the middle of the compound. "Please tree, put out big branches so we can read under your shade."

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Khalai talks to the hedge around her school. "Please grow strong and stop bad people from coming in."

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When Khalai returns home from school, she visits the orange tree. "Are your oranges ripe yet?" asks Khalai.

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"The oranges are still green," sighs Khalai. "I will see you tomorrow orange tree," says Khalai. "Perhaps then you will have a ripe orange for me!"



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