Dear reader:

Tigriyna (ትግሪይና but in Amharic ትግሪና) is not only a poor, underdeveloped, local language..., but also a mysterious one.

Its life of many years, a long journey that has never seen any policy that research on it to improve it, it seems to be directed toward its end.

Like many, I studied my elementary school in Tigriyna and I was an elementary school teacher. All of this was with a vague understanding of Tigriyna eight parts of speech in general, and no hint of the Tigriyna infinitive verb in particular. Now I am fully aware that this total blackout of verbs is really harmful to the development of your culture in your life.

But now, after many years of study, I believe this has reversed the trend. Of this huge success, I will let my published books speak. But, even if there is this, the effort to make Tigriyna an understandable, usable and practical language continues.

Right now, I am working hard for the **Tigriyna Reform Group, TRG**, to find its moment.

The purpose of this group will be to study Tigriyna's eight parts of speech and others like, Tigriyna transitive and intransitive verbs, Tigriyna modal verbs, Tigriyna articles, the right and modern way constructing Tigriyna sentence, etc. with which you may be able to write grammatically correct Tigriyna letters, poems, articles, ...

And when everything is ready to be launched it will be in the air. And then I hope that all progressive minds, who want to see the Tigriyna sentence improved and written according to the grammar rule, will join me.

But now I would like to let you be the first reader of the Tigriyna poem composed with a new sentence structure, just like that of Geez or other modern languages and its literal translation into English.

# አነ አልሎኒ ጥ<del>ፉ</del>እ ሐደ ሓው! I Have Lost a Brother!



ስይዩም መስፍን (ነ) Seyoum Mesfin **"Lived:** 25 Jan. 1949 - 13 Jan. 2021 (age 71)"

እጸምብል (ጸምበለ) እዛ ንእስቲ ቅኔ ናብ እቲ ናተይ ፍቱው ሓው ስዩም መስፍን ዝ ነበረ ሐደ ዓቢይ ጠበቓ ናይ እቲ ድኻ እውን ጭቅቁን ናብ ምኽንያት ናይ እዙ ንስሱ እዩ ርሽሹን (ረሽሸን) እውን ቅቱል I dedicate this little poem to my dear brother Siyoum Mesfen Who was a great advocate for the poor and oppressed Owing to this, he was shot and killed

እዩ ውሉድ አብ እታ ህገር ዝ ተጠምምቐ ደቅቃ ምስ ታሪኻዊ ጽዋ ናይ እዙ ይመስል እኹል እንተ ይዝክከራ እተን ውግግኣት ናይ ጉራዕ, ዶጋሊ, ሓላይ, እውን ዓድዋ ምስ አየን ይዳለው ናብ ነበረ ሐደ ቁርራጽ ሐልላዊ ናይ ማንም ደሞክራቲክ ዋጋ

> He was born in the region that baptizes her children with historical tales Of this it seems enough if you remember the battles of Gurae, Dogali, Halai and Adwa

With which one prepares to be a resolute defender of any democratic value

ከምዙይ, ንስሱ አልለዎ እታ ቀጭጪን ናይ እቶም ጀጋኑ ግን አይኮነን በይኑ ንምንታይ አብ እታ ናቱ መሬት ናይ ሱር ጅግንንነት ትዐብይ ከም እቶም ጡጥ ወይ እቶም ስጋሉ (p/. of ሰግላ)

So, he's the **stuff** that heroes are made of But, it's not just him Because in his homeland heroism grows like a cotton or Ficus sycomorus

ነበረ ሐደ ሰብአይ ምሉእ ናይ እመነት አብ ባዕሊ አብ ቅጽጽል ናብ እዙ, ንስሱ ከዓ እልሱው (<del>ነበሮ</del>) ሐደ ውቅቃበ ናይ ሐደ ጸልሊም ነብሪ ምእንቲ ሐዘ አብ ሕይወት እዞም ክልትተ አለመንቲ, ንስሱ ተዋግአ ምእንቲ ኩልላ እታ ናቱ ዕምሪ

> He was a man full of self-confidence In addition to this, he also had the appearance of a tiger To keep these two elements alive, he fought all his life

ንስሱ ነበረ ሐደ ናይ እቶም ከዋኸብቲ ናይ እታ ናቱ ትውልዲ ማለት, እቶም ዝ አልለዎም ንውኑው እታ ማሕበር ናብ እታ ፍትሒ እውን ርትዒ ምስጋና ናብ እዙይ, ብዙሓት ብዘይቤት አብ ሐድዳስ ዕምባባ እዮም ክኡላት ናብ አልሎ እቶም ናይርእሶም ናሕሲ

He was one of the stars of his generation That is, those who pushed society towards justice and equity Thanks to this, many homeless people in Addis Ababa have managed to have their own roofs

ንስሱ አልለዎ ግድፉ እታ ናቱ ተቓወመ ክሳብ ናብ እታ መወድዳእታ ስትራተጅያ ምልእቲ እዙይ እዩ ሐደ ዓቢይ ህያብ ምእንቲ ብጻይ ትውልዲ ማለት, ናብ እቶም ዝ አናድዩ ናይ ነደቐ ሐደ ሕዝባዊ መንግስቲ

> He left his **stay the course strategy** intact This is a great gift for the next generation That is, to those who seek to build a popular government

ከም ኩልሎም እቶም ካልኦት, ነበረ ምዑድ ብ እቶም ሐወልቲ ናይ እታ ዞና ምእንቲ አልሎ ሐደ በርሪኽ ሞራል እውን ሐንቲ ጽብብኞቲ ዜና እውን ናብ እታ መወድዳእታ, ገደሬ ዝ እታ ታሪኽ ናይ እታ ሕይወት ትወድድእ አብ ሐደ መጽሐፍ ወይ አብ ሐንቲ ብራንና

Like everyone else, he was suggested by the obelisks of that area To have a high morale and a good reputation And in the end, let the story of life end up in a book or parchment

ብዘይ ውልውል, ንስሱ ጸምቢሉ እታ ናቱ ፍትውቲ ሕይወት እውን እቲ ናቱ ጊዜ ናብ ሐንቲ በይና ምኽንያት እታ ማንትራ (ፎርሙላ) ናይ ናቱ ምኽንያት ነበረት: " ከም ቅድም, ከዓ ሎሚ, እታ ቃልሲ ምእንቲ ሶሽያል ፍትሒ ትቅጽጽል ናብ አሸንነሬ." እዙይ ይምዕደና ዝ እተን በምባርዳቲ, ዝሙታት, ጽልሙታት, እኩተ, ከተጣታት ናይ ትግራይ አልለወን ሐደ መዓልቲ እቲ ናተን ጥዑም ወይኒ

Without hesitation, he devoted his dear life and time to just one cause The mantra of his cause was: "As before, even today, the struggle for social justice

continues to win." This suggests to us that the bombed, looted, blacked out, etc. Tigray towns will one

dav have their sweet wine

ድሓንወዐል ናተይ ፍቱው ጃንሆይ!

*ግን* እንተ አብ እቲ ድነንት ንስስኻ ትጐንፍ ሐደ ካልእ ሰይጣን, በጅጃኻ, አይትድንም እቲ ስሕተት ናይ ብአምሆ ንምንታይ እታ ስራተጅያ ናይ ማንም ሰይጣን ኢያ ወትሩ ናይ ከፈተ እታ ማዕጾ ናይ እቲ ገሀነም አብ ሐንቲ ንግሆ

Farewell my dear majesty! But if in case you meet another Satan, please, don't repeat the mistake of the past days

Because any devil's strategy is always to open the door of hell in one morning

እታ ጂምላ ቅትለት ናይ ንጹሓት ተ*ጋ*ሩ ትመስል ሐንቲ ዓብባይ ምሽውንነት

ምእንቲ ተንስአ, ፌልለመ ግራስሩትስ ሞቭመንት እውን ወስሰነ (ወይ ተክከን) ሐድዳስ (ካብ ንምንምፋ ናብ ናቐፋ) ኢትዮጵያ ሕብረት ሥርርቲ (ሥር・ረ・ተ) ልዕሊ እታ አውቶኖምያ, ፍትሒ, እውን ማዕርንነት

The mass murder of innocent Tegaru seems like a great opportunity To rise up, start a grassroots movement and establish New (from Gomgofa to Nakfa) Ethiopia Union Based on autonomy, justice and equality

#### ኩልሉ ብሐደ all together

ብ አፍንጫ, እቲ ሕዝቢ ናይ ትግራይ, አይኮነን ይድቅቅስ ወይ ይጋደም *ግን, ም*እንቲ እቶም ናቱ ቅኑዓት, ይዋ*ጋ*እ ክሳብ ናብ እታ *መ*ጨርረሻ ነጥቢ ናይ እቲ ናቱ ደም እዙይ መጀምመርያ አይእዩን ናይ ሎሚ ግን ናይ ቀደም

> By force, the people of Tigray, do not sleep or lie down But, for its rights, it is a people that fight to the last drop of its blood This principle is not of today but of before

ብዘይ ገለ ጥርጥር, እቲ ሕዝቢ ትግራይ ይከይድ ካብ ብርትሪ ናብ ብርትሪ ምስ እታ ዓብባይ ውሪየት **ግን, ምእንቲ አረግንጸ እዙይ እ**ታ ፖሊቲካ ይግብኣ ነበረ ሐንቲ ጀነራል ጽርየት ምእንቲ ሐደ አብንነት, እታ ቋንቋ ትግሪይና አልላ ትልምምን ሐንቲ ሐድዳስ ነቝጢ ናይ ርእየት

> Without any doubt, the people of Tigray will go from strength to strength with a great liveliness But, to ascertain this the policy has to do general cleaning For example, the Tigriyna language asks for a new point of view

### Note: (1)

The meaning of ስይዩም and መስፍን, when they are written in Tigriyna alphabetical order:

- i) *መ*ስፍን and
- 2) ስይቶም

## VOCABULARY BUILDING

`መስፍን/ Mesfn' and `ስይዩም/ Syyum' are both proper nouns or proper names. But መስፍን (pl. መሳፍንቲ) also has other meaning. It means **prince.** And the word 'መኰንን' (pl. መኳንንቲ) is its synonyms.

E.g. እቲ መስፍን (or መኰንን) ናይ ሐደ ንኡስ መንግስቲ the **prince** of a small kingdom.

My research goes no further in relation to the name `መስፍን/ Mesfn'. But this is not the case with `ስይዩም/ Syyum'. We can add the following.

Languages	Infinitive verb	Present	Preterite	Future	Part participle of all verbs
Geez	ሢመ				
Tigriyna	ሥየመ Or ሰየመ Or ሹመ	ንስሱ ይሰም/ ንስሳ ትሰይም	ንስሱ ሾመ/ ንስሳ ሾሙት	ንስሱ ይሰይም/ ንስሳ ትሰይም	ሥይዩም/ሥይይምቲ Or ስይዩም/ስይይምቲ Or ሽዩም/ ሽይምቲ
English	1. to elect 2. to invest	he/she/it elects	he/she/it elected	he/she/it will elect	elected

### Partial conjugation of the verb ""uto"" that saw many changes

Present	Preterite	Future
አነ እሰይም I elect	አነ ሾምኩ I elected	አነ እሰይም I will elect
ንስስኻ ትሰይም you elect	ሾምካ/ምኪ you elected	ትሰይም/ሚ you will elect

sentence examples **1**. ስይዩማት or ሽይዩማት ሽማግልለ elected elders **2**. ስየመ or ሽየመ or ሸመ ሐድሐዳ ናብ ... to elect someone to ...

## Be aware of the verbs in action

Languages	Infinitive verb	Present	Preterite	Future	Past perfect
Tigriyna	አልሎ	አነ አልሎኒ	አነ እልሉው	አነ ይእልልወኒ	አነ, ንስስኻ, ንስስኺ ንስሱ/ ንስሳ, ንሕና እልሉው እልሉው
English	to have	I have	I had	I will have	I, you, he/ she/it, we

		had had

Present	Preterite	Future	Past perfect	
<ul> <li>ንሕና አልሎና ሐደ ከልቢ</li> <li>we have a dog</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ንሕና እልሱው ሐደ ከልቢ</li> <li>we had a dog</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ንሕና ይእልልወና ሐደ ከልቢ</li> <li>we will have a dog</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ንሕና አልልው አልልው ሐደ ከለቢ</li> <li>we had had a dog</li> </ul>	

Down with perpetrators!

Victory to Tigray and its people!

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