

# Érik A Som

**Cherries Ripen**

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Soprano Alto

**Scherzando**  $\text{♩} = 132$  *sf dim.*

Haj!  
\*Huhee!  
Hi!

Tenor Bass

*p*

É - rik a som, pi - ros - lik már,  
AY - reek uh shohm, PEE - roshh - leek mahr,  
Cher - ries ripe now, bright and red now.

\* A shout of exclamation like "hey" in English

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*p*

É - rik a som, pi - ros - lik, pi - ros - lik,  
AY - reek uh shohm, PEE - roshh - leek, PEE - rohs - leek,  
Cher - ries get - ting ripe now, so bright and red.

*p*

é - rik a som, pi - ros - lik, hajj, a  
AY - reek uh shohm, PEE - roshh - leek, huhyee, uh  
Cher - ries ripe now, bright and red. Hey, the

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*mf*

\* szür - ke fel - leg el - osz - lik.  
SEER - keh FEH - lehg EHL - ohs - leek.  
Grey clouds gone now, look a head.

*mf*

\* szür - ke fel - leg el - osz - lik, el - osz - lik, Hej, ri -  
SEER - keh FEH - lehg EHL - ohs - leek, EHL - ohs - leek, Hay, REE -  
grey clouds are all gone now, we look a head. Hej, ri -

\* ü sound is like the German umlaut sound: form lips for OO and say the EE vowel

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*f* *sfp*

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom,  
 Hay, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*,  
 Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom,  
*kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *ra - ka - tom*,

*sfp* >

ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, hej, ra-ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom,  
*kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *hay*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*, *RAH - ruh - kuh - tohm*,  
 ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, hej, ra-ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom.

*mp*

mu - lik az én bá - na - tom, ri - ka - tom,  
*MOO - leek uhz ayn BAH - nuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *mus - ic plays, we dance now.*

*mf* (-)

mu - lik az én bá - na - tom, bá - na - tom,  
*MOO - leek uhz ayn BAH - nuh - tohm*, *Dance a way all cares now,* the mu - si - plays.

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*f*

hej, haj, hej, haj.  
 Hay, *huhee*, hay, *huhee*.  
 Hey, Hi, Hey, Hi.

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka -  
 Hay, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*, *deh RUH - kuh -*  
 Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka -

*p*

Mu - lik az én bá - na - tom, bá - na - tom.  
*MOO - leek uhz ayn BAH - nuh - tohm*, *Troubles fly a - way now,* all cares are gone.

*p* (-)

tom, mu - lik az én bá - na - tom, bá - na - tom.  
*MOO - leek uhz ayn BAH - nuh - tohm*, *Troubles fly a - way now,* all cares are gone.

*mf*

Az \*ösz - szel vagy a té - len, a té - len,  
Uhz OOS - sehl vuhdyuh uh TAY - lehn, uh TAY - lehn.  
Whe - ther fall or win - ter, I will sur - vive.

*mf*

Az \*ösz - szel, vagy a té - len, hajj, de  
Uhz OOS - sehl vuhdyuh uh TAY - lehn, huhyee, deh  
Win - ter, fall, I will sur - vive. Hi, ill

\* Vowel sound is similar to oo in foot.

*mf*

Is - ten - ucs - ece, meg - é - rem, meg - é - rem.  
EESH - tehn - ooch - cheh, MEHG - ay - rehm, MEHG - ay - rehm.

With God's strength to stay a live.

*fp*

Is - ten - ucs - ece, meg - é - rem, meg - é - rem, Hej, ri -  
EESH - tehn - ooch - cheh, MEHG - ay - rehm, MEHG - ay - rehm, Hay, REE -  
need! God's strength to stay a live, HEJ - ay - live, HEJ, ri -

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*fp*

Hej, ri - ka tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom,  
Hay, REE - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, RUH - kuh - tohm,  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom.

*fp*

ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, hej, ri - ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom,  
kuh - tohm, RUH - kuh - tohm, hay, REE - kuh - tohm, RAH - ruh - kuh - tohm,  
ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, hej, ri - ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom,

*mf*

meg - lesz a la - ko - da - lom, ri - ka - tom  
MEHG - lehs uh LUH - koh - duh - lohm, REE - kuh - tohm.  
We will wed - ding day, we dance now.

*mf*

meg - lesz a la - ko - da - lom, o - da - lom.  
MEHG - lehs uh LUH - koh - duh - lohm, OH - duh - lohm.  
We will have the wed - ding day, our wed - ding day.

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*f*

hej, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hay, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hey, \_\_\_\_\_

haj, \_\_\_\_\_  
huhee, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hi, \_\_\_\_\_

hej, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hay, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hey, \_\_\_\_\_

haj, \_\_\_\_\_  
huhee, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hi, \_\_\_\_\_

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka -  
Hay, REE - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, RUH - kuh - tohm, deh RUH - kuh -  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka -

*p*

meg - lesz a la - ko - da - lom, o - da - lom.  
MEHG-lehs uh LUH - koh - duh - lohm, OH - duh - lohm.  
Let us have the wed - ding, our wed - ding day.

*p*

ton, me - lesz a la - ko - da - lom, o - da - lom.  
tuh, MEHG-lehs uh LUH - koh - duh - lohm, OH - duh - lohm.  
ton, Let us have the wed - ding, our wed - ding day.

*p*

Sem á - rok, sem ba - ráz - da, ba - ráz - da,  
Shem AH - rohk shem BUH - rahz - duh, BUH - rahz - duh,  
Not a path to walk on, no eas - y way.

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*mf*

me - nyecs - ke jön a ház - ba, a - ház - ba, Hej, ri -  
MEH - nyehch - keh yoon uh HAHZ - buh, uh HAHZ - buh, Hay, REE -  
New bride comes with - out de - lay, Hey, ri -

me - nyecs - ke jön a ház - ba, a - ház - ba, Hej, ri -  
MEH - nyehch - keh yoon uh HAHZ - buh, uh HAHZ - buh, Hay, REE -  
new bride makes her way now, with - out de - lay, Hey, ri -

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*f* *sfp*

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom,  
 Hay, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*,  
 Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom.

*fp*

ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, hej, ri - ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom,  
*kuh - tohm*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*, *hay, REE - kuh - tohm*, *RAH - ruh - kuh - tohm*,  
 ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, hej, ri - ka - tom, rá - ra - ka - tom,

*mp*

az á - rát de meg - a - dom, ri - ka - tom,  
 uhz AH - rahn deh MEHG - uh - dohm, *REE - kuh - tohm*,  
 I'll pay the price, we dance now.

*mf*

(—)

az á - rát de meg - a - dom, meg - a - dom.  
 uhz AH - rahn deh MEHG - uh - dohm, MEHG - uh - dohm.  
 I will pay the price now, I'll pay the price.

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*f*

hej, haj, hej, haj,  
 hay, huhee, hay, huhee,  
 Hey, Hi, Hey, Hi,

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka - tom,  
 Hay, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *REE - kuh - tohm*, *RUH - kuh - tohm*, *deh RUH - kuh - tohm*,  
 Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom, de ra - ka - tom.

*p*

Az á - rát de meg - a - dom, meg - a - dom.  
 Uhz AH - rahn deh MEHG - uh - dohm, MEHG - uh - dohm.  
 I will pay the price now, I'll pay the price.

*p*

(—)

tom, az á - rát de meg - a - dom, meg - a - dom.  
 tohm, uhz AH - rahn deh MEHG - uh - dohm, MEHG - uh - dohm.  
 tom, I will pay the price now, I'll pay the price.

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a - kár - mit is csi - ná - lok.  
UH - kahr - meet eesh CHEE - nah - lohk.  
New bride comes to see me, with - out de - lay.

*fp*

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Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, ra - ka - tom,  
Hay, REE - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, RUH - kuh - tohm,  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, tohm,

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, tohm, RUH - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, tohm,  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, tohm, RAH - ruh - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, tohm,  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - tom, tohm, RAH - ruh - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohm, tohm.

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nyel - ve nem lesz la - ka - ton, la - ka - ton,  
NYEHL - veh nehm lehs LUH - kuh - tohn, LUH - kuh - tohn,  
At the wed - ding she'll speak, she'll have her say.

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hej, haj, hej, haj,  
hay, huhee, hay, huhee,  
Hey, Hi, Hey, Hi.

Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - ton, ra - ka - ton, de ra - ka -  
Hay, REE - kuh - tohm, REE - kuh - tohn, RUH - kuh - tohm, deh RUH - kuh -  
Hej, ri - ka - tom, ri - ka - ton, ra - ka - ton, de ra - ka -

nyel - ve nem lesz la - ka - ton, la - ka - ton, la - ka - ton!  
NYEHL - veh nehm lehs LUH - kuh - tohn, LUH - kuh - ton, LUH - kuh - tohn!  
At the wed - ding she'll speak, she'll have her say, have her say.

tom, nyel - ve nem lesz la - ka - ton, la - ka - ton!  
tolm, NYEHL - veh nehm lehs LUH - kuh - tohn, LUH - kuh - tohn!  
tom. At the wed - ding she'll speak, she'll have her say.

**About the text:** Hungarian is spoken by about thirteen million people, including half a million who live in the United States. The language is a member of the Ural-Altaic branch and is distantly related to Finnish and Estonian. Hungarian grammar is quite different from that of Indo-European languages; it is considered a difficult language to learn. Hungarian words are always accented on the first syllable. (Accents over vowels affect pronunciation, not syllable stress.) There are no diphthongs; if two vowels appear together, each is distinctly pronounced—thus, words have as many syllables as they have vowels. If the Hungarian text is to be used, it is recommended that someone who speaks the language demonstrate the pronunciation as a supplement to the tone syllables offered in the score.

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#### Word for word translation:

- Érik a som, piroslik már, hajj, a szürke felleg eloszlik.  
*Ripens the cherry, reddens now, hi, the grey clouds disperse*
- Hej, rikatom, rakatom, mulik az én bánatom.  
*Hey, cry, dance, away the my cares.*
- Az öszssel, vagy a télen, Istenucsese, megérem.  
*The autumn, or the winter, I swear to God, I'll survive.*
- Hej, rikatom, rakatom meglesz a lakodalom.  
*Hey, cry, dance will( have) the wedding.*
- Sem árok, sem barázda, hajj, de menyecske jön a házba.  
*Without trench, without furrow, hi, but bride comes to (my) house.*
- Hej, rikatom, rakatom, az árát de megadom.  
*Hey, cry, dance the price but (I'll) pay.*
- Sem barázda, sem árok, hejj de akármit is csinálok.  
*Without furrow, without trench, hey, but anything I make (as in profit.)*
- Hej, rikatom, rakatom, nyelve nem lesz lakaton!  
*Hey, cry, dance, tongue not be locked!*

