GYALMO KUSUM

1. The Manthang palace rooftop
   Is where the girl’s house gods reside.
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

2. The four cornered square room,
   Is where the girl’s parents reign.
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

3. Past the curtains of the prayer room,
   Is where the nobility sit in rows.
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

4. The courtyard before the palace,
   Is where a pair of drummers drum,
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

5. Inside the main gate of Manthang,
   Is where the girl’s subjects reside,
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

6. The area around the stupa,
   Is where the girl’s friends congregate,
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?

7. Like the fast patter of youthful footsteps,
   In only a window of time could you see her leave.
   So from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   To the eastern region of Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?
8. Even the officers of near-by Tingri,
   Bow their hats in respect to the Queen.
   But from the girl’s own homeland Manthang,
   Would they dare to send her away?
   From the eastern region to Ladakh
   Do you dare send Kusum away?