Rgyas bzang Tibetan Village: Wedding Songs (Part 1)

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G.yung 'brug (b. 1985) recorded this video material during the Lo sar (Tibetan New Year period) of 2009 in his village in Rgysa bzang (Jizong) Village, Kha mdo (Shuizi) Township, Rong brag (Danba) County, Dkar mdzes (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province, PR China.

The village is home to 55 households (49 Tibetan households; 6 Han Chinese households) for a total population of 280. Villagers cultivate barley, potatoes, wheat, peas, prickly ash (Sichuan pepper), apples, English walnuts, pears, and corn. Rgysa bzang villagers and residents of nearby Khri ms ri (Changna) and La rgyab (Najiao) villages speak nearly the same distinctive Tibetan dialect. The film includes wedding songs that are sung during the night of the wedding day. Elders gather in the groom or bride’s home and sing to offer auspiciousness to the new couple. They sing addressing, in order, Buddha, mountain deities, and the new couple and their descendants.

The male singers in this film are (left to right) A le (b ~1947), Skal bzang (b ~1945), and Dbang grags (b ~1948), Phun tshogs (b ~1947). The female singers in this film are (left to right) A men (b ~1946), Mtsho don (b ~1946), Dge vdun lha mo (b ~1949), and Rin chen mtsho (b ~1945).

男歌唱人员（从左到右）：阿里（1947 出生）嘎绒（1945 出生）旺扎（1948 出生）措错（1947 出生）。
女歌唱人员从左到右：阿麦（1946 出生）错丹（1946 出生）根丹拉姆（1949 出生）认青错（1945 出生）