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An example of Subanon poetry
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egibid₁

1. mi-tengew neg₂buaya eg-ibid //
   (past)-see (R)²-crocodile (R)-lizard
2. mik-talu' eg-buaya seg-ibid /
   (past)-say (R)-crocodile (R)-lizard
3. idun / ibid / b-in-eleknem-beleknek-a³ ma //
   why lizard (past)-silt-you so
4. b-in-eleknem-u doda' / ma' leng neg-ibid /
   (past)-silt-I indeed answer (R)-lizard
5. b-in-ian-an-u neg-ayas //
   (past)-pass over-(loc.)-me (R)-flood
6. eg-buaya sep mök-talu' /
   (R)-crocodile again (pres.)-say
7. idun eg-ayas da'-a k-anud //
   why (R)-flood not-you (aspect)-float
8. m-anud-mu ta' e-genduk /
   (pres.)-float-you (question) (R)-boulder
9. mök-talu' eg-ibid //
   (pres.)-say (R)-lizard
10. idun e-genduk da' sunkal-ey //
    why (R)-boulder not pry up-(loc.)
11. me-sunkal-mu ta' eg-delanit /
    (pres.)-pry up-you (question) (R)-river bed
12. ma' leng neg-ibid //
    answer (R)-lizard
13. idun eg-delanit da' lulun-ey //
    why (R)-river bed not roll up-(loc.)
14. mo-lulun-mu ta' eg-dagat //
    (pres.)-roll up-you (question) (R)-sea
15. idun eg-dagat da' limas-ey //
    why (R)-sea not splash away-(loc.)
16. me-limas-an-mu ta' e-gawang //
    (pres.)-splash away-(loc.)-you (question) (R)-air
The lizard and the crocodile

1. A crocodile saw a lizard.
2. The crocodile said to the lizard,
3. Why, Lizard, are you covered with silt?
4. Covered with silt I am indeed, answered the lizard.
5. A flood passed over me.
6. The crocodile proceeded to say,
7. Why did not the flood float you away?
8. Can you float away a boulder?
9. Said the lizard.
10. Why is not the boulder pried up?
11. Can you pry up the river bed?
12. Answered the lizard.
13. Why is not the river bed rolled up?
14. Can you roll up the sea?
15. Why is not the sea splashed away?
16. Can you splash away the air?
17. Why is not the air flown through by an eagle?
18. Let's see your eagle! We will make him fly through it!

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1. "pepet vowel", phonetically ñ and higher.
2. relation marker.
3. Every occurrence of -in- is an infix. That which precedes and follows is one morpheme, as b-in-eleknæk is -in- plus beleknæk.