

Kora Music

Listening Task

LISTEN TO THE RECORDING OF KORA MUSIC.

♣ Describe the vocal style in as much detail as possible.

- Is the voice generally high or low?
- Does it use a wide range of pitches?
- Does it have a tight, nasal quality or is it smooth and relaxed?
- Does it use vibrato?
- Does it slide from note to note (portamento)?

♣ Describe the melodic style in similar detail.

- Is it a simple melody or does it have complicated decorations?
- How do the words fit the tune?
- What about the melodic contour? Do all the tunes ascend, descend, or do both?

♣ When you have done this, draw some general conclusions about the style of music.