

Have you ever thought of the role played by songs in your life?



Abbay is an Ethiopian name for the Nile river



THE SONGS OF THE NILE: FROM A'BAY TO THE GERD

Abbay

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Narratives; Songs before the GERD

National treasure

Physical beauty

The homeless river

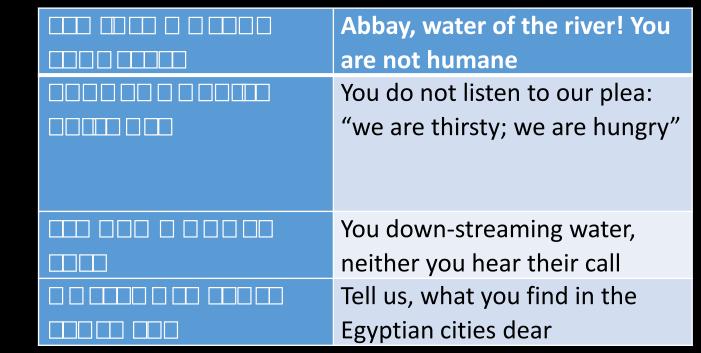
The lost river

The deaf river

Eradicating poverty

The building of the home

Abbay, Abbay,
The nation's greenery,
The nation's treasure,
Singing outside of his nation,
It sang out of tune,
Abbay having lived without a benefit,
For how long would the tale be told:
That Abbay the homeless wanders:
Not having a place to rest its debris



Songs after the beginning of the construction of the GERD

Thankful river,
The faithful river,
The reuniting River

The hope,
Homecoming River
The answer
The reuniting project
Way out from poverty,
The benefit-sharing
Collaboration

	Let the lamentation end let it end
	Time for thanks giving,
	Let the lamentation end say let it end
	time for thanks giving
	Abbay has started a journey in renaissance
Hey diaspora! Please, get together and return to your country as Abbay did	

Hey diaspora! Please, get together and return to your country as Abbay did Abbay that raised me calling upon me I hastened and returned with our river

- pride
- Renaissance
- Engineering wisdom
- ❖A higher place
- **❖**The reassurance



Takeaway Messages

•Songs about the Abbay/the Nile and the GERD portray that the river is not just a river and the dam is not mere water infrastructure,

Instead, there are embedded emotional and symbolic constructions that conquer the public space and political space.

•Therefore, emotional, cultural, and symbolic aspects of the rivers and water infrastructures need to be taken into account.