



LESSON-20

IT'S BECAUSE

NOTES:

Substance: “It's Because” is an English rendering of a Manipuri poem sung to soothe a crying baby. It's about a plant called *langthrei* which has no bud because it is eaten by the cow. The cow eats it because the cowherd doesn't tend the cows. The cowherd doesn't tend them as his mother doesn't cook for him as the firewood is wet due to the rain. The rain falls because the frogs croaks. The frog croaks as it is an indication of the approaching monsoon.

Glossary:

Langthrei : a herbal plant

Tend : to take care of, to look after