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A riveting selection of 20 nursery rhymes and lullabies from Ukraine, as remembered by immigrants living in France, Germany and Poland.

These modern folk interpretations of popular traditional songs tug at the heartstrings and reveal a rich, vibrant culture. Native singers are accompanied by musicians playing instruments like the bandoura, sopilka, and accordion, making each song a delightful, enchanting homage to Ukrainian heritage.

Lyrics appear in the Ukrainian alphabet and Latin characters alongside English translations. Notes describing the cultural background of each song are also included, along with a QR code to access the accompanying recordings.

Nathalie Soussana is the author of several musical picture books, including Children's Africana Book Award-winner *Songs in the Shade of the Cashew and Coconut Trees*.

After graduating in oil-painting from the China Academy of Art, **QU Lan** moved to France and began illustrating books. She has collaborated with several major publishers including Usborne, Oxford and Penguin Random House.

