

# Nebankh from Abydos, Stela of

## Nederhof - English

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Transliteration and translation for the harper's song from the stela of Nebankh from Abydos, following the transcription of Sethe (1924), p. 87.

The transliteration throughout follows Hannig (1995).

For a published translation, see Lichtheim (1975), p. 194.

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ḥsw Tnj-ḳ dd=f mn{t}.wj tw m st=k nt nḥ m mḥḥt=k nt dt

The singer Tjeniaa says: 'How firm you are in your eternal place, in your everlasting tomb!

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jw=s mḥ.tj hr ḥtpt dḥw ḥf.n=s bw nb nfr k=k ḥnḥ=k

It is filled with offerings and sustenance, it contains all good things. Your spirit is with you

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n tš=f jr=k ḥtmw-bjtj jmj-rḳ pr wr Nb-ḥ

and will not forsake you. Royal seal-keeper, high steward Nebankh,

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jw n=k ḥw ndm n mḥyt jn ḥsw=f sḥnḥ rn=f

yours is the sweet breath of the north wind.' So says his singer, who keeps his name alive,

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jmḥy ḥsw Tnj-ḳ mr.n=f ḥs n k=f rḥ nb

the revered singer Tjeniaa, whom he loved, who sings to his spirit every day.

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