

Guide to Karen Names and Pronunciation

Based on conversation with Tee Mui, November 21/16, and open to revision as we become more familiar with them.

Just as we do not pronounce Dorothy as “do ro thy”, Karen names seem run together, usually. The accented syllable appears to be where marked (if heard).

Ta Kai Hae (father) - ta kay hay = takayhay

Lah Wah (mother)

Hser Eh Tha Mee (daughter, 15) - cher eh tha me = cher-eh tha-mee

Paw Loy Hay (daughter, 13) - pa loy hay = paloyhay

Poe Taw Talay Soe (son, 9) - poe taw' tay lay so = poe-taw' taylayso

Bwe Ku Say (daughter, 7) - bwe koo see = bwekoosee