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I was born in Mimili in 1951. I was still a little baby when I moved to Kenmore with my father and mother. My father worked for whitefellas digging wells and anything else. I stayed in Kenmore until I was a man. Then I moved to Ernabella for marriage.

I have been a priest for over twenty years. I spent a long time travelling around, everywhere, Western Australia, Northern Territory, working for the church. Talking and singing, Inma. I still know traditional Tjukurpa. These are good stories for Anangu. They show you how to look after people.

In my work I tell different stories, some Christian, some Tjukurpa but they are all good stories for showing us the right way to live. Some of my work is the Maku Maku story, which is from a Tjukurpa near Mimili. Long time ago people came here. When the maku was finished people were singing the maku to make them come back. Singing and scattering leaves to make the maku come out of the ground.

Other works are about Moses and Abraham and others are stories passed down to me through my father. One is about the nest of honey ants called nyinantu and another about a seed called Kaltu Kaltu, which was also my father's name.