📜 Þe hwole Gɨſɨz abuʒida wiþ ASS (Alcheedish Sweylorish Staffrow)

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For each staddlish staff (basal/fundamental letter), the seven cleepends (vowels) are shown. In most of the times, the lippishened (labialized) row and the palatalized row are inned straightly under its nonlippishened withdeal. A hallmark of these lippishened staves is that they are an unwhole row: they only have one, four or five of the seven cleepends, albeit the missing cleepend shapes can be handwritten. Each cleependish (vowel) tweaking is named “order/bidding”, where first one is /ə/ (Romanized as “ä”) and the eighth and last is /ʊə/ (Romanized as “oä” or “oa”), albeit the latter is in only a few staves.

Diacritic	Function
˙	Cleepend lengthener
¨	Samsweyend lengthener
⃛	Simultaneous cleepend and samsweyend lengthener
◌	Withdrawer of the inbuilt cleepend /ə/, also known as “first bidding” and “staddlish shape”. It must be laid only under the staddlish shape of the staves.
◌̣	Samsweyend withdrawer

Set 1:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/r/	ᒐ	ᒍ	ᒋ	ᒑ	ᒉ	ᒎ	ᒏ	ᒐᒏ	(In ʌmɨrɨjn: ʌ, ‘tis /ɾ/ unless ‘tis lengthened.)

/rʲ/									In ʌmiɾɾiɲ: ʌ: /rʲɛ/. In Wolaytta: /rʲa/. In Tigrait: /rʲ/. ‘Tis under ሪ for it looks like such staff.
/rʷ/									
/f/									
/fʷ/									Þe oþer shape of /i/ and /e/ come from þe Gurage speeches.
/fʲ/									Its shape suggests the swey /fʲi/, but it was misallotted the swey /fʲə/. Þat’s

									hwy ‘tis in þe þird bidding raþer þan þe first bidding.

Set 2:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/e̞/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/kʾ/									
/qʷ/									Simpler Gurage variants of /qʷ/, but their shapes suggest a /kʾʷ/noting.
/qʲ/									
/q/									(/kʾ/ in ʌmiɾiɲːʌ)
/qʷ/									(/kʾʷ/ in ʌmiɾiɲːʌ)

Set 3: “The λαμβδα-ly staves”									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɛ/	/ɨ/	/ɷ/	/ɷə/	Suttlings
/l/	ᛚ	ᛚᑌ	ᛚᑦ	ᛚᐱ	ᛚᓀ	ᛚᕀ	ᛚᓂ	ᛚᓂᑌ	ᛚᓂ is for þe Gurage speeches
/lʷ/				ᛚᐧ					
/ʔ/	ᐋ	ᐋᑌ	ᐋᑦ	ᐋᐱ	ᐋᓀ	ᐋᕀ	ᐋᓂ	ᐋᓂᑌ	Þe last bidding is for Meʔɛn.
/ʔʷ/	ᐧᐋ								(for Sebat Bet Gurage. It is also a neither cleepend bearer, which is a lone /ə/, in some staffcrafts.)

Set 4:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɛ/	/ɨ/	/ɷ/	/ɷə/	Suttlings
/n/	ᓀ	ᓀᑌ	ᓀᑦ	ᓀᐱ	ᓀᓀ	ᓀᕀ	ᓀᓂ	ᓀᓂᑌ	

/nʷ/				ⵏ					
/ɲ/	ⵏ	ⵏⵓ	ⵏⵉ	ⵏⴰ	ⵏⴻ	ⵏⵍ	ⵏⵔ	ⵏⵙ	(for ʌmiɾiɲːʌ and Tiɡɾiɲːʌ)
/ɲʷ/				ⵏⵯ					(for ʌmiɾiɲːʌ, albeit seldom or learned)
/x/	ⵀ	ⵀⵓ	ⵀⵉ	ⵀⴰ	ⵀⴻ	ⵀⵍ	ⵀⵔ		(/h/ in ʌmiɾiɲːʌ)
/xʷ/	ⵀⵔ	ⵀⵓ		ⵀⵯ	ⵀⴻ	ⵀⵓ			

Set 5: “The T-ly staves”									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ɷ/	/ɷə/	Suttlings
/p/	ⵠ	ⵠⵓ	ⵠⵉ	ⵠⴰ	ⵠⴻ	ⵠⵍ	ⵠⵔ	ⵠⵙ	Þe 8þ bidding is for Meʔeɐn
/pʷ/	ⵠⵔ		ⵠⵓ/ⵠⵔ	ⵠⵯ	ⵠⴻ/ⵠⵔ	ⵠⵔ			For Gurage
/t/	ⵜ	ⵜⵓ	ⵜⵉ	ⵜⴰ	ⵜⴻ	ⵜⵍ	ⵜⵔ	ⵜⵙ	
/tʷ/	ⵜⵔ								
/ʧ/	ⵛ	ⵛⵓ	ⵛⵉ	ⵛⴰ	ⵛⴻ	ⵛⵍ	ⵛⵔ	ⵛⵙ	For ʌmiɾiɲːʌ. Þe last staff

									if for some Gurage speeches.
/ʧʷ/									
“cc” (/ʧː/)									For Bench

Set 6:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/sʾ/									At some times [ʦʾ] in ʌmiɾiɲːʌ
/sʾʷ/									
/bʷ/ or /bː/									/bʷ/ or /bː/
/pʾ/									Þe 8þ bidding is for Meʔeɴ
/pʾʷ/									

Set 7A:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/b/									

/bʷ/	ቡ		ቡ/ቤ	ቧ	ብ/ቦ	ቧ			For Gurage
/s/	ሰ	ሱ	ሲ	ሳ	ሴ	ስ	ሶ	ሦ	
/t͡ɬ/		ፏ	ፏ	ፏ	ፏ	ፏ	ፏ		For some Cushish and Omoish (Gamo, Gofa) speeches
/sʷ/				ሷ					
/v/	ቨ	ቩ	ቪ	ቫ	ቬ	ቭ	ቮ		For leanwords
/vʷ/				ቯ					
/ʃ/	ሸ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ	ሿ	For ʌmiɾiɲːʌ and Tigɾiɲːʌ
/ʃʷ/				ሿ					
/ʃː/	ሽ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ		For Bench

Set 7B:							
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/e̞/	/ɨ/	/ɵ/
/k/	ከ	ኩ	ኪ	ካ	ኬ	ክ	ኮ
/kʷ/	ኰ	□	ኩ/ኪ	ኳ	ኴ/ኬ	ክ	

/kʲ/							
/x/							
/xʲ/							
/xʷ/							

Set 8: the Γαμμα-ly staves									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/e/	/ɨ/	/ɷ/	/ɷə/	Suttlings
/g/									Þe last is for Gɨʃɨz.
/gʷ/									Þe twoþ hue in þe fourþ and fifþ biddings is for Gurage speeches
/gʲ/									Þese are mostly noted in scholarly or yorelorish frames, such as in þe yondwriting of old

									troþish writs or speechl orish connings of the Ethiopish Semish speeches, but it is less common in anward daily noting.
/ŋ/	𞋳	𞋴	𞋵	𞋶	𞋷	𞋸	𞋹		For Tɨgrɨɲ:ᴀ and Bilin
/ŋʷ/	𞋺		𞋻	𞋼	𞋽	𞋻			

Set 9 “The M-ly staves”:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ᴀ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ɷ/	/ɷə/	Suttlings
/ħ/	𞋀	𞋁	𞋂	𞋃	𞋄	𞋅	𞋆		/h/ in ᴀmiɾɨɲ:ᴀ
/ħʲ/	𞋇	𞋈	𞋉	𞋊	𞋋	𞋌	𞋍		
/ħʷ/	𞋎		𞋏	𞋐	𞋑	𞋒			
/tʾ/	𞋓	𞋔	𞋕	𞋖	𞋗	𞋘	𞋙	𞋚	Þe last is for Meʔɐn. It may

									also be said as /þʊə/.
/tʾʷ/				𗍢					
/ʧʾ/	𗌆	𗌇	𗌈	𗌉	𗌊	𗌋	𗌌	𗌍	For ʌmiɾiɲ: ʌ. Þe twicleep end is for Meɔɛn.
/ʧʾʲ/	𗍆	𗍇	𗍈	𗍉	𗍊	𗍋	𗍌		For þe Gurage speeches
/ʧʾʷ/				𗍢					
/ʧʾː/	𗎆	𗎇	𗎈	𗎉	𗎊	𗎋	𗎌		
/m/	𗍐	𗍑	𗍒	𗍓	𗍔	𗍕	𗍖	𗍗	
/mʷ/	𗍘		𗍙/ 𗍚	𗍛	𗍜/ 𗍝	𗍞			Gurage staves
/w/	𗍠	𗍡	𗍢	𗍣	𗍤	𗍥	𗍦		

Set 10 “The staves that look like U and Ɯ”:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/h/	𗍪	𗍫	𗍬	𗍭	𗍮	𗍯	𗍰	𗍱	
/ɬ/	𗍲	𗍳	𗍴	𗍵	𗍶	𗍷	𗍸		(said as /s/ in Ethiose

									mish speeches other than Ge ‘ez)
/ɬʷ/									

Set 11 “The ring staves”:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/ɐ/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/ʕ/									Rearded pharyngeal rubber in Gɨʕiz ʔ Tɨgrɨjnːʌ; /ʔ/ in ʌmɨrɨjnːʌ
/ʕʷ/									
/ɬ’/									Ejective sidish rubber in Gɨʕiz; /s’/ in anward speeches
/j/									
/jʷ/									It was allotted þe swey

									{jwa} /jʷə/, but it looks like it should be /jʷɷ/
/d/									
/dʷ/									For Bilin
/dːʷ/									For Sebat Bet Gurage. An implosive or highly marked lippished gummish stop.
/ɗ/									
/ʤ/									(for ʌmiɾiɲːʌ. Þe last is for Meʔeːn.)
/ʤʷ/									(for Sebat Bet Gurage)

Set 12 “The H-ly staves”:									
	/ə/	/u/	/i/	/ʌ/	/e̞/	/ɨ/	/ʊ/	/ʊə/	Suttlings
/z/	ዘ	ዙ	ዚ	ዛ	ዜ	ዝ	ዞ	ዟ	
/zʷ/				ዟ					For Me.ʔe.n
/ʤ/		ጁ	ጂ	ጃ	ጄ	ጅ	ጆ		
/ʒ/	ዠ	ዧ	ዢ	ዣ	ዤ	ዥ	ዦ		For ʌmiɾiɲːʌ
/ʒʷ/				ዧ					For Sebat Bet Gurage
/ʐ/	ዸ	ዹ	ዺ	ዻ	ዼ	ዽ	ዾ		For Bench

Wonish dotting marks			
Dotting	Leeden staffrow sameworther	Wonish name	Function ϳ meaning
፡	/ː/ or / /	Hulet Netib (ሁለ፟ት ነቲቧ) (Wordroom)	The wordcleaver. In Ge'ez, this is as a room between words (though anward ʌmiɾiɲːʌ and Tigɾiɲːʌ note benchmark rooms instead). It can also do as a colon to input a list or a quote.
⁝	/ʔ/	Ethiopish bequeathing mark	

።	/./	“Gɨriz (ግርዝ)” or “Arat Netib (ኣራቲ ነቲቡ)” (Whole stop)	The saying end. The Ethiopish ending dot. It marks the end of a declarative saying or a whole thought.
፣	/,/	Sʌʃəlɷ (ሳዕሎ) (Comma)	The stop. It is noted to sunder sayings, list things, or mark a short breath in a saying, much like a comma.
፤	/;/	Dɨrbə Məlʔɵt (ድረቢ ጠሊኦት) (Semicolon)	The Half-Stop. It is noted to sunder two selfstanding sayings that are nighly akin, or to sunder things in a manifold list.
፥	/:/	Nibab (ንባቢ) (Colon)	The herald. It is noted to input a quotation, a retching, or a list that follows.
፦	/꞉/	Ethiopish preface mark	It inputs a quote, speech, or formal statement.
※	/¶/	Ethiopish section mark	It marks the start of a new section in liturgic or formal writs.
⁘		Ethiopish paragraph sunderer	It marks the paragraph end or a great reading passage.

Bisen writs:

ግዕዚ:

ቀዳሚሁ፡ቃሊ፡ውእቱ፡ወውእቱ፡ቃሊ፡ኀበ፡እገዚአቢሔረ፡ውእቱ፡ወእገዚአቢሔረ፡ውእቱ፡ቃሊ።ዝኒቱ፡ውእቱ፡ዘሀሎ፡ቀዳሚሁ፡ኀበ፡እገዚአቢሔረ።ኩሉ፡ቦቱ፡ኮነ፡ወዘእኀበሌሁሰ፡አልቦ፡ዘኮነ፡ወኢምኒቲኒ፡እመዘኮነ።አሜኒ።

Sebat Bet Gurage (Chaha)

Bespoke staffcraft: ሙሸ፡ዝፐረመ።እኽ፡ኧፎተ፡ትሸፈቸ።

Benchmark staffcraft: ሙሸ ዝፐረም። እኽ ኧፎት ትሸፍች።

ASS: /mʷəʃ ʒəpəɾəm. ʔəxʲ ʔʷəfʷət tɨkʲəfʃ./

Meaning: “The man edwharved. Thou (wifish) open [for] milk.”

Northern Gurage (Kistane, also known as Soddo)

Unlike Chaha, Kistane keeps strong samsweyendish lengthening (ː) and notes the throatish lippishened staff ኧ (/ʔʷə/) at the start of the words.

Best staffcraft: ኧሮበ፡በክሰታንኞ፡ጨዋታ፡ጀመረንመ።

Benchmark staffcraft: ኧሮብ በክሰታንኛ ጨዋታ ጀመርንም።

ASS: /ʔʷəɾɷb bəkɨstanɨjɲːa ʧʾəwata ʤəmːəɾnɨm./

Meaning: “In a Wednesday, we started a chatting at Kistane.”

Eastern Gurage (Silt’e)

Best staffcraft: ሂታየ፡ሰረመ፡ፈያነ።ጥሸተ፡በሪዳነ፡ሀነደ፡ያጅባነ።

Benchmark Staffcraft: ሂታይ ሰረም ፈያን። ጥሸት በሪዳን ሀንድ ያጅባን።

ASS: /hitʌi sɨɾəm fəjːʌn. tʾɨʃːɨt bəɾeːdʌn hənd jʌʤːɨbʌn./

Meaning: “This is full good. It is full sheen and wonderful.”

ትገርኛ:

1. Best staffcraft:

ሎሚ፡ንጉሆ፡ናቢ፡ዓዲ፡ቐረባ፡ከየ፟ዳ።ኣቢ፡ዑደተየ፡ሕጕሲ፡ሰቢ፡ረኺበ፥ኻና፡ድ ሟ፡ብዙሒ፡ጽቡቕ፡ዘረባ፡ኣዐሊሊና።

2. Benchmark staffcraft:

ሎሚ፡ንጉሆ፡ናብ፡ዓዲ፡ቐረባ፡ከይደ።ኣብ፡ዑደ፡ይ፡ሕጉሰ፡ሰ፡ረኺበ፥ኻና፡ድማ ፡ብዙሕ፡ጽቡቕ፡ዘ፡ባ፡ኣዕሊልና።

3. Pronunciation: /ləmi niɬguhɵ nʌb ʕʌdːi qərəbʌ kəidə. ʔʌb ʕudətəi ħiɬgːus səb rəxibə, ŋənʌ diɬmːʌ biɬzuħː sʾiɬbːuq zərəbʌ ʔʌʕlilnʌ./

4. Meaning: “Tomorrow I went to a nighby thorp. In my visit I met a merry leed, and we also chatted a lot of good talk.”