## LESSON TWO: Check Your Pulse with Lisa Young © Lisa Young

## Time Shifting *(laya rathna)*Internal subdivisions *(gathi or nadai)* 1 – 9

Lesson Two is the recitation of common vocalisations of the *Carnatic* subdivisions of a given pulse from 1 thru to 9. There are many interchangeable variations of the *solkattu* language that we will look at down the track.

The *gathi* or *nadai* specifies the subdivision of each pulse, or the subdivision between two consecutive beats within a cycle. A piece may shift between more than one *nadai* in a composition or improvisation, and this is called '*Laya Rathna*' or time shifting.

For your own learning this lesson focuses on subdivisions 1 – 6.

Start with 1-4, then add 5 and 6. Down the track we will add 7, 8 and 9 and some language variations.

This table shows the *solkattu* language you hear in Lesson Two. nb: in the phrase Tha Ke Ta or Tha Ke Da the third syllable Ta and Da are interchangeable.

- 1. Tha
- 2. Tha Ka
- **3. Tha Ke Ta** |or (Tha Ke Da)
- 4. Tha Ka Thi Mi
- **5. Tha Ka Tha Ke Ta** (Tha Ka Tha Ke Da)
- 6. Tha Ke Da | Tha Ke Da (3+3) or Tha Ka Thi Mi | Tha Ka (4+2)
- 7. Tha Ke Da | Tha Ka Thi Mi
- 8. The Ka Thi Mi | Tha Ka Ja Nu
- 9. Tha Ka | Tha Ka | Tha Ke Da