## **Transliteration**

The Hindi is transliterated in this track listing, so that you can read it even if you don't know the Devanagari script. We've used the following conventions:

Final 'a' in a word represents a long 'aa' sound, and final 'i' is a long 'ee' (laRka, 'boy'; bhi, 'also').

'r' represents a rolled 'r', as in Spanish or Italian.

The double dot on the  $\ddot{i}$  in  $na\ddot{i}$  indicates that the 'a' and 'i' should be pronounced separately.

The apostrophe in shaa'er ('poet') indicates a break between 'aa' and 'er'.

To show some sounds that don't exist in English we've had to use some extra symbols:

- D hard 'd', with the tongue bent upwards and backwards (technically called 'retroflex')
- ñ sign to indicate nasal sound (made through your nose); don't pronounce it as 'n'
- R a 'flapped' sound, like in the US English pronunciation of the first 't' in 'Got it!'
- T hard 't', with the tongue bent upwards and backwards (technically called 'retroflex')