



Zulu Warrior (Africa)

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I kamazimba, zimba, zimba, Ikamazimba, zimbazee!

I kamazimba, zimba, zimba, Ikamazimba, zimbazee!

Hold him down, you Zulu warrior

Hold him down you Zulu chief, chief, chief.

I kamazimba, zimba, zimba, Ikamazimba, zimbazee!

I kamazimba, zimba, zimba, Ikamazimba, zimbazee!

Hold him down, you Zulu warrior

Hold him down you Zulu chief, chief, chief, chief, chief, chief – shhh! Mologay!

Actions:

“Zimba” is the Zulu word for lion. During the Zulu section, singers “slink” through the jungle using their arms and hands to imitate a lion on the prowl. In the English section, they break out eagerly in encouragement of the hunter who has attacked their prey. Half the group starts with “Hold him down”, clapping on the beat (i.e. hold him down you Zulu warrior etc.) The other half begins with “O hold him down”, clapping with the off-beat (O hold him down you Zulu etc.) thus giving a syncopated effect. The word “chief” repeated at the close of the second chorus is sung more and more softly ending in a quiet, finger-to-lips “Shhh!” followed by a victory shout of “Mologay!” when the hands are clapped with a sliding motion like cymbals.

