

# Imvula

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isiXhosa



8. **IMVULA:** Xhosa action song 



I - mvu-u - la i - mvu - u - la cha-pha cha-pha cha - pha



chapha chapha chapha u-manz'umnqwazi wam gqum gqum li-ya



du-du-ma gqum gqum li-ya du-du-ma u-manz'umnqwazi wam u-



-manz'umnqwazi wam

Verse 1:

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Chapha, chapha, chapha x2

Umanz'umnqwazi wam x2

Gqum, gqum, liya duduma x2

Umanz'umnqwazi wam x2

Verse 2:

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Chapha, chapha, chapha x2

Imanz'ihempe yam x2

Gqum, gqum, liya duduma x2

Imanz'ihempe yam x2

Verse 3:

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Chapha, chapha, chapha x2

Imanz' ibrukhwe yam x2

Gqum, gqum, liya duduma x2

Imanz' ibrukhwe yam x2



Verse 4:

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Chapha, chapha, chapha x2

Zimanz' izihlangu zam x2

Gqum, gqum, liya duduma x2

Zimanz' izihlangu zam x2

This is one of sixty children's songs in isiXhosa, isiZulu, English and Afrikaans (with one song in Sesotho) in a book called 'Songs Sung by South African Children' (1990, 1992 and 2002) published by Grassroots Adult Education and Training Trust.

Liz Brouckaert, the researcher, was commissioned to source and document local songs and make them accessible to teachers who were not specialist music educators. She looked for songs that children preferred to sing. What emerged time and again was that children really like singing about taboo subjects.

She collected the songs mainly in Cape Town over a period of 18 months, and then worked with friends to make audio recordings of the songs.

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