



Zolani

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isiXhosa

25. ZOLANI: Xhosa comforting song

Musical notation for the first system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Zo - la - ni we Zo - la - ni Zo-la- ni

Zo- la- ni we Zo- la- ni

Musical notation for the second system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: we Zo- la - ni Zo - la- ni

we Zo- la - ni Zo - la- ni

Musical notation for the third system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: we Zo - la- ni kuthe-ni na u-li-la nje?

we Zo - la - ni

kutheni na u- li-la nje?

Verse 1:

Zolani we Zolani x3

kutheni na ulila nje?

Sula wena inyembezi x3

kula mehlo alilayo

Verse 2:

Thembeke we Thembeke x3

kutheni na ulila nje?

Sula wena inyembezi x3

kula mehlo alilayo

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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