Three Yoruba Native Songs Of Nigeria

1. E ORU O
"Greeting"

Unison Voices And Percussion

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Andante Procession

E oru o o-ba e-fe-o a-wo fe- re

de e oru o yin-bo e-ti-o

ja e oru o o-ba e-fa o a-wo fe-re de

* D.C. al fine

Percussion

1. Bell

2. Drum

3. Drum
optional

4. Ostinato
optional

Phonetic Pronunciation

Ay Oh-roo O Aw-bah Eh-feh-o
Ay woh feh-reh day
Ay Ay Oh-roo O Oh-yeen boh
éi-tee aw-yah
Ay Oh-roo O, Aw-bah Eh-feh O
Ay woh feh-reh day

Translation

An important chief who has his palace near the marketplace is about to appear.

* The number of times the song is repeated is left to the discretion of the director.
2. ODUN DE
"New Year is Here"

Same Percussion Rhythm Patterns As "E Oru O"

Phonetic Pronunciation

Aw-doon day aw-doon day
Aw-doon day ahn-your
Ay-doo-mah ray ja-war wah (g) baw peh
Wah o
Eer-ay eer-ay ay ay ay ay ay ay
Aw-doon day ay aw-doon day ay
Aw-doon day

Translation

New Year is here, New Year is here
We are happy. Almighty God.
Please accept our thanks. Blessing, blessing
New Year is here, New Year is here
3. KABO KABO
"Song of Praise in honor of a Prince or King"

Translation
Welcome! Welcome! The son (prince) who speaks to the ground and makes the ground open

Verse: The first son of Alake (king) becomes the king of Ake (a city in Nigeria)
Now the first son of Ku Ku (another king) becomes the king of Ijebuode (a city in Nigeria)

Refrain: Kabo...

Phonetic Pronunciation
Kah-boh-o kah-boh o (sing 2 times) aw-maw ah-bah leh saw raw (sing 2 times)
Kee-leh lah noo kah-boh
Ah-kaw bee ah lah kay lown jaw bah lah kay, Ah-kaw bee koo koo lown jaw bah
nee-jeh-boo oh-day