

BAJABULA BONKE

[I Became Ill]

In this song, a man laments his fate of getting sick and thus bringing joy to many who envy him. Impaka is a mythical, cat-like animal used by witch doctors for casting an evil spell on people. This is the "poisonous dish" which the woman served to her husband.

My father, how they rejoiced over my illness!
They danced, hmm, hmm.
Hey, they rejoiced over my illness,
They danced, hmm, hmm.
I became ill.
I was confined to my bed.
I became ill.
I was confined to my bed.
I became ill.
I was confined to my bed.
Hey! They danced because of my illness.
They danced.
Oh, hmm!
Hey! My!
My dearest one
Prepared a poisonous dish for me.
Hmm! Hmm! Hey! Father.
I became ill. My, I became ill,
I was confined to my bed.
I became ill and lay on my bed.
I lay on my bed. Oh! I was confined to bed.

Slow and unaccompanied. Each note should be heavy and ponderous.

The musical score consists of two parts: Piano and Guitar. Both are in the key of G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Piano part features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The Guitar part features a single melodic line with a G chord indicated at the beginning and three 'TAP' markings under the notes.

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$\text{♩} = 60$

G A

MA YE MA ME BA - JA - BU - LA — BON - KE MA - NGI

G A G

LE - LE — PHA - NTSI BO! JI - YA HOM — O HOM

G A G

E - LA BA BE NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA LA - LA — PHA - NTSI

A G

NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA LA - LA — PHA - NTSI

A G

NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA LA - LA — PHA - NTSI LA - BA

A G A

JI — YA — NGA — MI MA - NGI LE - LE — PHA - NTSI BO! JI - YA HOM — O

G A G

HM! E - LA MA YI SI - NE — NE — NGE — SA SA - NGI PHE KE LI - MPA — KA

JI - YA HOM__ O HM! E - LA BA BE NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA

LA - LA__ PHA - NTSI NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA LA - LA__ PHA - NTSI

NGA - GU - LA WO! NGA LA - LA__ PHA - NTSI__ JI LA - LA__ PHA - NTSI.