

Senua De Dende



Senua de dende is a song from Ghana – the meaning of the text is “a mother is calling for her child”

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Try singing the song and add the body percussion pattern shown on the video clip.

PATTERN ONE

CLAP SHOULDER SHOULDER
(One two three)

CLAP SHOULDER SHOULDER KNEE KNEE
(One two three four five)

Try clapping the body percussion pattern in reverse.

PATTERN TWO

KNEE KNEE SHOULDER, SHOULDER CLAP
(One two three four five)

SHOULDER SHOULDER CLAP
(One two three)

Try alternating the patterns above – Pattern One, Pattern Two, Pattern One etc throughout the song.

BE CREATIVE:

Can you think of a different pattern to accompany the song?
Your actions could be four then four, for example

CHALLENGE

Sing the song in canon with someone else. The first person sings and completes pattern one and then the second person should start while the first person continues.

This songsheet with accompanying video is the first in a series of free resources from NYCOS. This song is taken from *Singing Games and Rhymes for Ages 9-99* and we hope all ages will enjoy playing it.