

Taylor Song

Taylor is a song sung along with the courting rhythm and dance Yankadi. Yankadi is a traditional piece of the Susu people of Guinea that is now very popular.

When getting clothes tailored in Africa, honest tailors will give you back off cuts, the material they did not use to make your clothes. Dishonest tailors keep the off cuts for themselves. You may find your trousers are far too short if the tailor is very dishonest! The song sings to the tailor asking them to give back the remainder of the material.

Lyrics

Lyrics in blue = leader

Lyrics in red = group

Tayla, fama-dugu dongo-la tayla

(1, 2, 3) Ehh tayla,

Yankadoo yama-yoh tayla,

Awa li-ehh

Tayla, dugu-donga dong Keh wofa
tayla

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Awa li-ehh