

Yaya

The song follows the story of a man called Yaya. Yaya is "a lay-about, good for nothing with a big mouth". Yaya spends all day at home with his wife, if he wants something, he goes into the village and persuades villagers to do him favours or offer him dinner by lying and tricking them into thinking he is an important and wealthy man. When the Villagers realise that Yaya is lazy and doesn't do any work, they come to his home one morning and drag him off to do a hard day's work fishing.

Lyrics

Lyrics in blue = leader

Lyrics in red = group

{ Ya-ya crusa-yambay Yaya-ohh } x2

Siti-damba-crusay-yambay

Suba-suba, Suba si-oh-layyy

Krussa-damba Yaya-ohh

{ Obana-bana sam so-bana
Si-ohh, Si-ohh
Obana-bana sam so-yolay
Si-ohh, Si-ohh } x2

Yaya

Chorus - everyone

Aka Bi-oh-layyyy...
Aka Bi-oh-lay, Winday-sa,
Mina-bordio } **x3**

Lyrics translation

Yaya, you must work, Yaya-o

It's good for you, you must work Swindler! Swindler! Swindler! Yolé!

Work is good, Yaya-o

Goodbye, Yaya, Au revoir

Goodbye, he's going to work, Au revoir

It's good to talk while you work, he's going, worker, Au revoir

The dance of Yolé, the dance of Yolé, You're a liar!