

Awa Dabolé

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Rhythm *Bambara / Djoula* with a song from Mali that calls out to start (*Dabolé*) the feast (*Awa*)!

In the 1st part it's said the feast begins and which instruments are starting to play (*Kambora*). In the 2nd part the players with their instruments are named:

solo: *Awa Dabolé Manou*, all: *Awa Dabolé Manou* (2x)

Choice to make by the solist in Song 1:

or: *Awa Dabole Anga Balanifo Dabolé Manou* (the balafon begins)

or: *Awa Dabolé Anga Balanifo Kambora Manou* (the balafon speaks)

or: *Awa Dabolé Anga Dounounia Kambora Manou* (the douns speak)

or: *Awa Dabolé Anga Dongila Dabolé Manou* (the singing starts)

or: *Awa Dabolé Anga Doniké Dabolé Manou* (the dance starts)

all: *Awa Dabolé*

Summary by the solist within Song 2:

every line is followed by 'Awa Dabolé' by all

[name] *Ka Balani Dabole Manou* (... starts playing the balafon)

[name] *Ka Balani Kambora Manou* (... makes the balafon speak)

[name] *Ka Djembeni Kambora Manou* (... makes the djembé speak)

[name] *Ka Dounounia Dabolé Manou* (starts playing the doundoun)

[name] *Ka Sangbani Kambora Manou* (... makes the sangban speak)

[name] *Ka Donike Dabolé Manou* (... starts the dance)

[name] *Ka Dongila Dabolé Manou* (... starts singing)

This summary is followed within the second line from the 1st part:
solo: *Awa Dabolé Anga Balanifo Kambora Manou* (the balafon speaks)

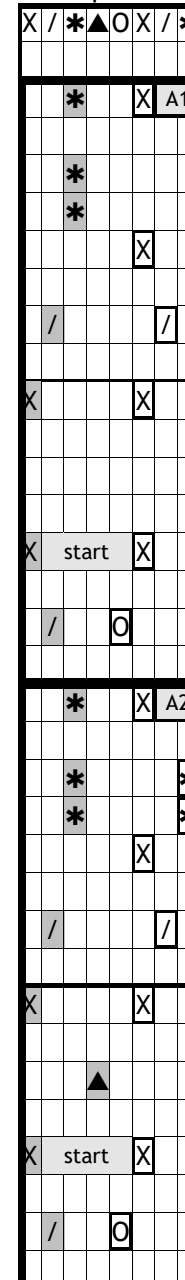
all: *Awa Dabolé*

Sources: Lamin Balani & Oumou Mariko, Bamako, Mali 2007,
Youssouf Keita, Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, January 2016.

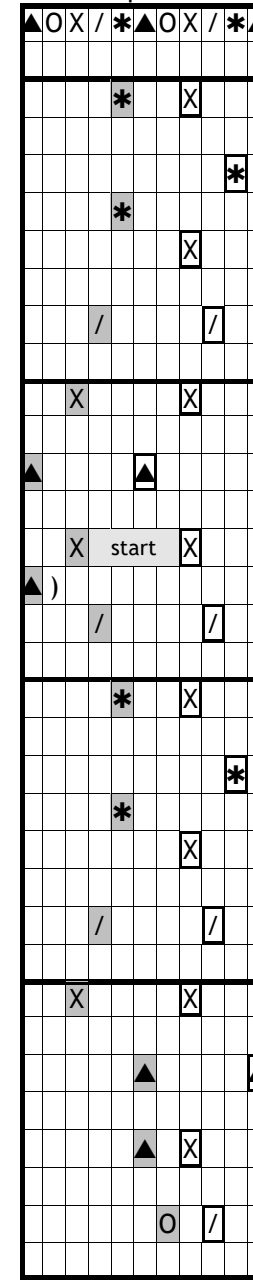
Possible percussion accompaniment

Bara (Djembé)		T	T		S																
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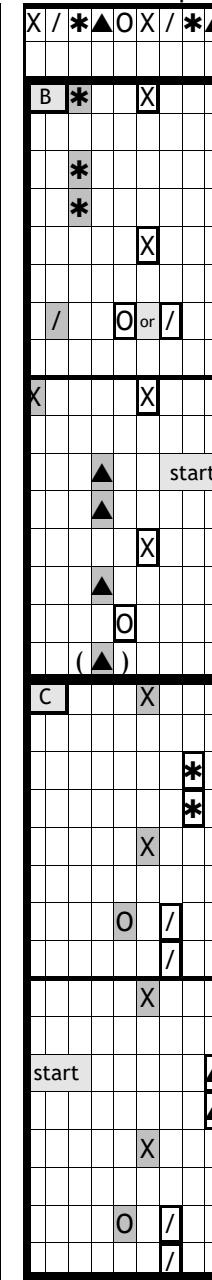
Pattern A1 & A2
accompaniment



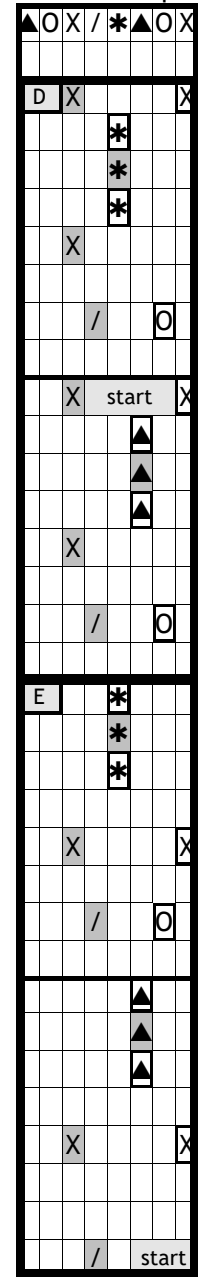
Pattern A3
accompaniment



Pattern B & C
solo accomp.



Pattern D & E
solo accomp.



Melody 1 & Song 1

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