

# Sorsornet

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The *Sorsornet* is a mask from the Baga-people from Boke. The mask protects the village but is kept outside the village in the forest. Someone can make an appeal on the mask because of big problems. A priest can go and get the mask and then *Sorsornet* is played and the mask goes around the village. The song here expresses a young girls gratitude to their mothers. It's supposed to be sung in the moonlight.

*M' baraka felenkoe, N' doro mamuna komna*  
*M' baraka felenko n' gayo n' gaa, N' doro mamuna komna*  
*N'tapelindoe, n' tapelindoe, N' tapelindoe zinezagana banganiee*

Thank you mother, for giving me personality  
 Don't worry; I will soon join my husband now

Sometimes this song, which is very difficult to sing properly, is simplified.  
 The meaning is probably slight different to.  
*Balafele ko hee, Balafele ko na, Balafele ko nayoma, Balafele ko hee*

Call 1	T:T T:T T:T T:T S:S	S:S S:S S:S S:S
	r:l r:l r:l r:l	r:l r:l r:l r:l

Call 2	T:T T:T T:T T:T S:S	S:S S:S S:S S:S
	r:l r:l r:l r:l	r:l r:l r:l r:l

	S:S S:T T:T T:T
	r:l r:r r:r r:r

Call 3	T:T T:T T:T T:S
	r:l r:l r:l r:l

Kenkeni 1	● ● ● ●
	x x x x x x x

Kenkeni 2	● ● ● ●
	x x x x

Sangban	○ ● ○ ●
	x x x x x x

Sangban variations alternate with normal pattern

variation 1	○ ● ○ ● ○ ● ○ ●
variation 2	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
variation 3	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
variation 4	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	x x x x x x x x x x x x

Doundoun	● ● ● ● ● ●
	x x x x x x x x x x x x

	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	x x x x x x x x x x x x

Djembé 1	S:T S:T S:T
	r:l r:l r:l

Djembé 2	S:S S:T S:S S:T
	r:l r:l r:l r:l

Djembé 3	B	S	T	T	S	B	S	T	T	S
	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r

Djembé 4	S	S	T	T	S	S	T	T
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

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