

Take a journey through musical time with...

The Griot

Written and performed by Kijana Wiseman, M.Ed.



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MAMA TIEMBO'S GETTING MARRIED TONIGHT

A popular South African
*Xhosa ("click") Song



Tonight, tonight's the wedding feast
The men arrive with a slaughtered beast
The sound of chanting fills the air,
for miles around, all the people cheer--

CHORUS

Mama Tiembo's getting married tonight;
All the spirits will be chanting her delight!
Mama Tiembo's getting married tonight;
The bones are thrown and Mama's future's very bright!

Ehla *kneka, La *kneka, La *kabella kai yah!
(repeat 3x)

AIN 'A THAT GOOD NEWS?

1. I got a ROBE up in 'a da kingdom, 'A AIN 'A DAT GOOD NEWS?
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**I'M A GONNA LAY DOWN DIS WORL'...GON' SHOULDER UP 'A MY CROSS.
GONNA TAKE IT HOME 'A TO MY JESUS, 'A AIN 'A DAT GOOD NEWS?**

2. I got a CROWN up in 'a da kingdom, 'A AIN 'A DAT GOOD NEWS?
3. I got a SONG up in 'a da kingdom, 'A AIN 'A DAT GOOD NEWS?

GOD BLESS THE CHILD

1. Them that's got shall get, Them that's not shall lose
...So the bible says...and it still is news

****Your Mama may have...Your Papa may have...
But God Bless the Child that's got his own... that's got his own**

With money, you've got lots of friends...Crowding 'round your door
But when it's gone... and spending ends,They don't come 'round no more...

2. Oh, the strong gets more, while the weak ones fade,
Empty pockets don't ever make the grade.

3. Rich relations'll give you... a crust of bread and such
You can help yourself... but don't take too much...

**"CAUSE, YOUR MAMA MAY HAVE...
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