

Shosholoza

Ndebele folk song

Lyrics with approximate phonetic pronunciation.

NOTE: For exact pronunciation, please review the [audio recording created by Phakamani Pega, available HERE.](#)

Basses sing: boh-m, boh-m kuh-leh; boh-m boh-m kuh-leh

Shosholoza

Shoh-shoh-loh-zah

Kulezo ntaba

Koo-leh-zon-tah-bah

Stimela siphume South Africa

Stim-eh-lah sih-poomay South Ah-fri-cah

Wen uyabaleka

Wen-oo-yah-bah-leh-kah

Kulezontaba

Koo-leh Zon-tah-bah

Stimela siphum'e South Africa

Stim-eh-lah sih-poomay South Ah-fri-cah

Rough English Translation:

Move fast on those mountains

Train from South Africa.

You are running away on those mountains

Train from South Africa.