

# Umqokozo

[A String of Beads]

A Xhosa folk song performed at parties and feasts.

Note the ascending bass line.

I have a string of red beads.  
It was given to me  
By my father.  
[These three lines are sung three times.]  
I have a string of red beads, Mother, hey!  
They say, hey, Mother,  
I have a string of red beads, Mother, hey!  
They say, he, le, le,  
The children are crying.  
They cry, he, le, le,  
I have a string of red beads,  
Mother, le, le, le.  
I have a string of red beads.  
It was given to me  
By my father.  
[These three lines are sung three times.]  
I have a string of red beads.

**Piano**

**Guitar**

F T F F T F F F

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♩ = 176

F F

NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO - BOM -

F C7 F

VU NDA WU PHI WA - NGU - BA - WO

F F F

NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO - BOM - VU MA - MA HE

C7 F F

BA - THI HE MA - MA NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO - BOM -

F C7 F

VU MA - MA HE BA - THI HE - LE - LE BA - YA

F F C7

LI - LA BAN - TWAN NDA WU

F F F

HE MA - MA BA - YA - LI - LA BAN - TWAN

C7 F F F

BA - THI HE MA - MA BA - YA LI - LA BAN - TWAN

C7 F F  
BA - THI HE MA - MA NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO — BOM -

F C7 1 F  
VU MA - MA HE MA - MA NDI - N'UM -

F Bb Bb F C7  
QO - KO - ZO — BOM - VU NDA WU PHI WA NGU — BA -

F F Bb Bb F C7  
WO MA - MA NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO — BOM - VU NDA WU PHI WA NGU — BA -

F F Bb Bb  
WO NDA - NA NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO — BOM - VU MA - MA HE

F C7 F F  
BA - THI HE MA - MA NDI - N'UM - QO - KO - ZO — BOM -

F C7 F  
VU MA - MA HE BA - THI HE - LE - LE NDI - N'UM -

F F C7 F  
QO - KO - ZO — BOM - VU MA - MA HE HMM —