

Sawubona Zulu greeting

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Intro (no claps)

A few high voices:

- Sawubona, Sawubona**

A few low voices:

- Ngikhona, Ngi-i-khona**

Full Group - now with claps

High Voices:

- Sawubona, Sawubona**

Low Voices:

- (rest) Ngikhona, Ngi-i-khona**

Chorus All in Harmony:

- Ye-bo! Ye-bo!**

- Sawubona Ngi-i-khona**

- Ye-bo! Ye-bo!**

- Sawubona Ngi-i-khona**

...THEN REPEAT THE FULL GROUP PART.

Translation: Sawubona = I see you Ngikhona = I am here Yebo = yes

Notes:

The most common greeting in the zulu tribe is Sawubona.

It literally means "I see you, you are important to me, and I value you."

It reminds us to try to approach others without prejudice and to leave behind our grudges, and to value everyone in a group as an individual and ourselves as part of the group. It says, "I accept you for what you are and you are a part of me." Ngikhona means "I am here, as I am."