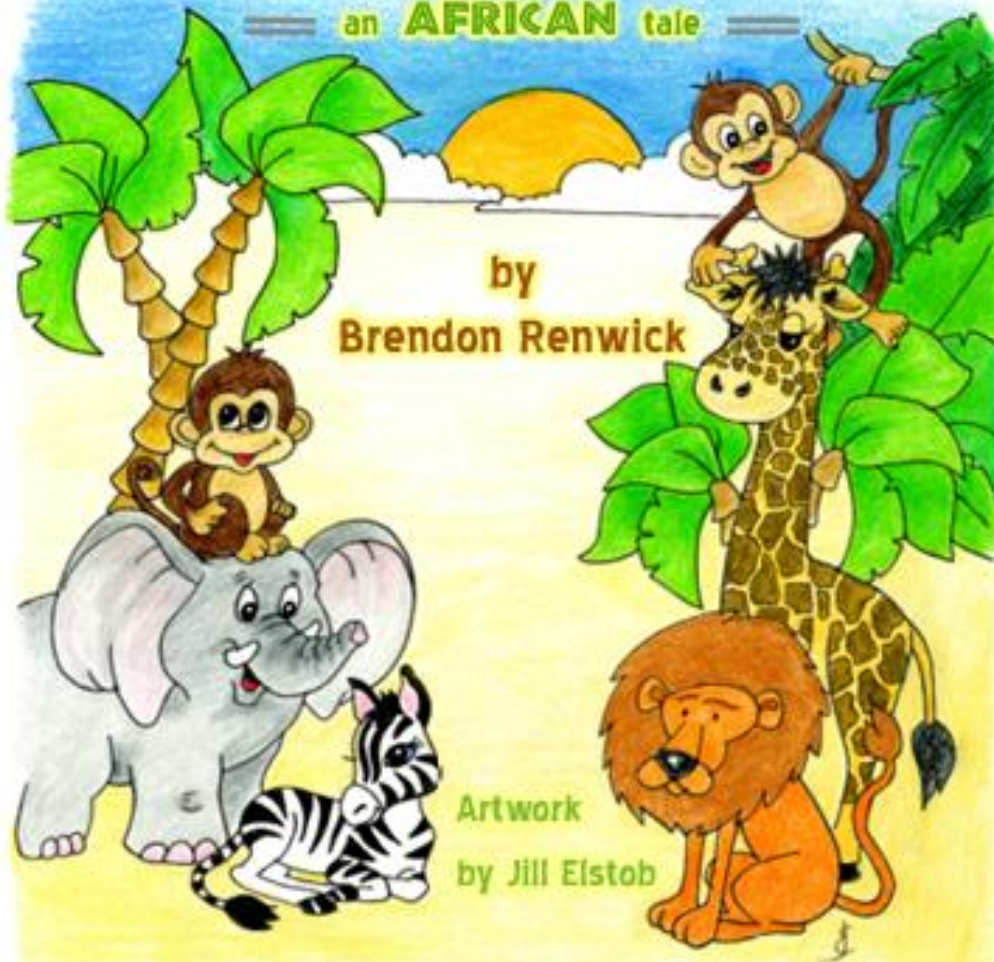


# ANIMAL Rumble Grumble

== an AFRICAN tale ==

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# Nyonei Ropta!

*(all sing)*

Can you hear it ? Nyonei Ropta.  
Rumbling, grumbling, heavy like drums.  
Can you see it ? Nyonei Ropta.  
Better watch out now, here it comes.

Animals tremble and animals shake,  
from the mighty lion to the venomous snake.  
On the plains always watch your back.  
Look for danger and cover your tracks.

*(group 1 - shouted)*      Rumbling, grumbling.

*(group 2 - shouted)*      Nyonei Ropta.

*(group 1)*      Tall and towering.

*(group 2)*      Nyonei Ropta.

*(group 1)*      Strong and mighty.

*(group 2)*      Nyonei Ropta.

*(group 1)*      Heavy like drums.

*(group 2)*      Here it comes !

*(8 bar instrumental, during which performers dance around the stage)*

- **REPEAT all through again, then...**

*(all sing)*

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# Ghubari

## *(Ghubari sings solo)*

My name is Ghubari,  
I live at the top of this tree.  
Yes I do, yes i do, yes I do.  
You hear a great rumble  
and want to know what it must be.  
Let me see, let me see, let me see.

## *(Verse 1)*

I remember that sound as a young, young boy,  
when the plains were all green  
and were flooded with streams.

## *(all sing)*

And the trees would bear fruit  
and the animals appeared.  
Now we only can dream  
that the plains will be green through the year.

- **REPEAT Ghubari's solo verse then...**

## *(Verse 2)*

Now my eyes and my ears hardly see nor hear,  
but I sense the dry earth  
can no longer give birth.

## *(all sing)*

And the trees would bear fruit  
and the animals appeared.  
Now we only can dream  
that the plains will be green through the year.

# Zebra song

## *(Verse 1)*

We are zebra of the plains  
plodding through dirt and dust,  
searching out all mysteries.  
We don't rest.

## *(Verse 2)*

The sun beats down upon our backs  
and though our feet are sore,  
in a line we walk along.  
One step more.

## *(instrumental - dance)*

- **REPEAT Verses 1 & 2 then...**

## *(instrumental - dance)*

## *(Verse 3)*

Only zebra can succeed,  
can walk that extra length.  
Don't need to stop, don't need to feed  
'cos zebra have got strength, strength, strength.  
'Cos zebra have got strength, strength, strength.  
'Cos zebra have got strength, strength, strength.

Move aside, 'cos the elephant's here.  
Very wide with two big ears,  
tiny eyes but one enormous trunk.  
Four mighty feet going  
clunk, clunk, clunk, clunk.

Elephants live in family groups,  
take care of all their troops.  
Elephants walk in single file,  
but I bet you've never seen one smile.

- *REPEAT all through again, then...*

Move aside, 'cos the elephant's here.  
Very wide with two big ears,  
tiny eyes but one enormous trunk.  
Four mighty feet going  
clunk, clunk, clunk, clunk.

## Elephant song

*(intro drum: 'dum - dum - da-da - dum')*

*(then move / dance, whilst counting in minims to 20, then sing...)*

Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.  
Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.

*(then move / dance, whilst counting in minims to 40, then sing...)*

Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.  
Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.  
Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.  
Nyo - nei, nyo-nei rop - ta, ropta.

## Animal chant

*(Verse 1)*

We are the Kings of the jungle,  
strong and mighty and brave.  
There's nothing we are afraid of,  
there's nothing we can't achieve.

We are as fierce as cats can be,  
we have courage to do what we like.  
We are proud of our manes  
and our strong, strong legs.  
Watch out for our powerful bite.

*(long, loud lion roars)* ROAR.... ROAR....

*(Verse 2)*

We can move quickly and quietly,  
stalking through the grass,  
just waiting to pounce upon you  
or waiting 'til you come past.

Carefully listening around us  
and smelling your scent in the air.  
We know where you eat,  
where you live and sleep.  
Beware, beware, beware.

*(long, loud lion roars)* ROAR.... ROAR....

## Lion song

**(Verse)**

It seems quite absurd  
when your neighbours are birds,  
but it's hard to be shy when you're twenty feet high.  
With my feet on the ground  
and my head in the clouds  
it's not always a ball being twenty feet tall.

**(Chorus - all sing)**

Peaceful and elegant, graceful and calm.  
I make a good lookout and raise the alarm.  
My crazy brown patches are cooler than spots,  
but cutting \* my toenails can hurt quite a lot.

- **REPEAT Verse & Chorus then...**

**(Verse)**

It seems quite absurd  
when your neighbours are birds,  
but it's hard to be shy when you're twenty feet high.  
With my feet on the ground  
and my head in the clouds  
it's not always a ball being twenty feet tall,  
twenty feet tall,  
twen... ty... feet... tall.

## Giraffe song



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Can you see it ? Nyonei Ropta.  
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| <i>(group 2)</i>           | Nyonei Ropta.        |
| <i>(group 1)</i>           | Strong and mighty.   |
| <i>(group 2)</i>           | Nyonei Ropta.        |
| <i>(group 1)</i>           | Heavy like drums.    |
| <i>(group 2)</i>           | Here it comes !      |

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*(all sing)*

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## Nyonei Ropta reprise

**(Chorus)**

Can you hear the chatter of the cheeky monkeys ?  
Ooh, aah, ooh-ooh, aah.  
Chatter here, chatter there, chatter everywhere.  
Ooh, aah, ooh-ooh, aah.  
Cleverly hiding up in the tree,  
can you find us ? Hee-hee-hee.  
Jumping, clinging, hanging, swinging  
cheeky monkeys.

**(Verse)**

We can quickly move from tree-top to tree-top,  
running over plains and peeking in caves.  
We turn each stone wherever we roam,  
collecting, eating, gathering and scattering  
then we all run home.

- ***REPEAT Chorus & Verse then...***
- ***REPEAT Chorus & Verse again, then...***

**(Chorus)**

*Can you hear the chatter of the cheeky monkeys ?  
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Chatter here, chatter there, chatter everywhere.  
Ooh, aah, ooh-ooh, aah.  
Ooh, aah, ooh-ooh, aah.  
Ooh, aah, ooh-ooh, aah.*

***(then shouted) " Hee-hee-hee ! "***

# Monkey song