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YEN KO!

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Ma yen ko! Ma yen ko! Ma yen ko Accra!
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko ko Congo!
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Congo
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Congo nye kenke na gari
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko ko Kenya!
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Kenya
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Kenya nye kenke, gari na kelewele
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko ko Guinea!
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Guinea
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Guinea nye kenke, gari, kelewele, na mako
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko ko Angola!
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Angola
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Angola nye kenke,
gari, kelewele, mako, na ankaa
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko
Ma yen ko ko
Ghana!
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Ghana
Kwaku na Akua ko ko Ghana nye kenke, gari, kelewele, mako, na ankaa
Yen Ko – Let Us Go

English Translation

Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Accra
    Kwaku and Akua go to Accra
    Kwaku and Akua go to Accra with kenke (yam)
    Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Congo
    Kwaku and Akua go to the Congo
    Kwaku and Akua go to the Congo with gari (cornmeal)
    Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Kenya
    Kwaku and Akua go to Kenya
    Kwaku and Akua go to Kenya with kenke (yam), gari (cornmeal), kelewele (spicy plantain).
    Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Guinea
    Kwaku and Akua go to Guinea
    Kwaku and Akua go to Guinea with yam, cornmeal, spicy plantain, and pepper (spices)
    Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Angola
    Kwaku and Akua go to Angola with yam, cornmeal, spicy plantain, peppers, and oranges
    Let us go, let us go to…Let us go to Ghana
    Kwaku and Akua go to Ghana with yam, cornmeal, spicy plantain, peppers, and oranges

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