

## Nzema gymayɛɛ edwɛnɛ bie mɔ nvedenvedenu

### An appraisal of work songs among the Nzema

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#### SINLIPɛɛ

Nvedenvedenu ɛhyɛ bamaa yɛanwu Nzema gyma edwɛnɛ bie mɔ neɛ nvasoɛ mɔɔ wɔ zo la. Gyma a le nyɛɛɛ mɔɔ sonla fa yɛ anwosesebɛ neɛ yɛ adwenle yɛ, mɔɔ maanlema die to nu na nvasoɛ wɔ ɔ nzi la. Edwɛnɛ a le edwɛmgbɔkɛ ngakyile mɔɔ bɛnwo anzɛɛ bɛto bɛdielie bɛ nyɛ na ndelebɛbo wɔ nu la. Gyma edwɛnɛ a le edwɛnɛ mɔɔ bɛto yɛ wɔ gyma mekɛ la. Kpɔlerazulɛ biala ɛnle nwo kɛ saa maanle bie kɛhɔ ɔ nyunlu a, ɔgyi kɛ ezuavolɛ ne mɔ anyɛ si bolo yɛ gyma la azo. Nzema ɛ gyma dɔɔnwo mɔɔ bɛto edwɛnɛ bɛsua yɛ a. Bie mɔ noko ɛyɛɛ nu ɛngyia edwɛnedolɛ. Gyma mɔɔ bɛyɛ a bɛto edwɛnɛ la bie mɔ a le nzahanlɛ, ɛyazonlɛ, nwowiehwenlɛ, ɛɛnehanlɛ, dubazelɛ, akpɔdalilɛ, ndilebɔlɛ, awulepenlɛ neɛ dɔɔnwo mɔɔ bokɛboka nwo la. Akɔndezilɛ, alɛɛdɔnɛɛ, alɛɛdonlɛ, kilehilevolɛ gyma neɛ dɔɔnwo noko mɔɔ boka nwo la ɛngyia edwɛnɛ ɛdolɛ.

#### EDWɛMGBɔKɛ TITILɪ

Anwosesebɛ, Anyuhɔlɛ, Edwɛnɛ, Gyma, Nzema

##### 1. Mukenye

Gyma a le nyɛɛɛ mɔɔ sonla fa yɛ anwosesebɛ neɛ yɛ adwenle yɛ, mɔɔ maanlema die to nu na nvasoɛ wɔ ɔ nzi la. Edwɛnɛ a le edwɛmgbɔkɛ ngakyile mɔɔ bɛnwo anzɛɛ bɛto bɛdielie bɛ nyɛ na ndelebɛbo wɔ nu la. Gyma edwɛnɛ a le edwɛnɛ mɔɔ bɛto wɔ gyma mekɛ la. Nzema ɛngulo sonla mɔɔ le mgbɔvonle la, na zɔhane ala a anɛɛ anɛɛ mɔɔ ɛha mɔɔ wɔ alɛɛabo la bɛdabɛ noko bɛde a. Ɔti wɔ Nzema anloanudwɛkɛ dɔɔnwo anu titili mɛɛɛbulɛ neɛ edwɛnedolɛ nu, bɛsi gymayɛɛ nwo adua kpalɛ. Ɛhyɛ le adenle ko mɔɔ Nzema dua zo maa awie mɔ anwosesebɛ wɔ gyma ɛsesebɛ ɛyɛɛ nwo a.

Nzema ta dua edwɛnedolɛ zo kanvo menli mɔɔ anyɛ bolo yɛ gyma la, na bɛsa menli mɔɔ le mgbaha la. Saa yɛnɛa gyma mɔɔ Nzema yɛ la a, bɛto edwɛnɛ wɔ bie mɔ ɛyɛɛ nu, yɛɛ bie mɔ noko bɛndo edwɛnɛ wɔ bɛ ɛyɛɛ nu. Gyma mɔɔ saa bɛyɛ a bɛto edwɛnɛ la bie a le nzahanlɛ, ɛyazonlɛ, nwowiehwenlɛ, ɛɛnehanlɛ, dubazelɛ, akpɔdalilɛ, ndilebɔlɛ, awulepenlɛ neɛ dɔɔnwo mɔɔ bokɛboka nwo la. Gyma mɔɔ Nzema ɛndo edwɛnɛ wɔ bɛ ɛyɛɛ nu la bie mɔ a le akɔndezilɛ, alɛɛdɔnɛɛ, alɛɛdonlɛ, kilehilevolɛ gyma neɛ mɔɔ bokɛboka nwo la. Gyma ɛhyɛ bodane a le kɛ ɔfedevɛde Nzema gymayɛɛ edwɛnɛ bie mɔ anu, na yeava ngyɛhyɛɛ mɔɔ edwɛnɛ ne mɔ ɛ, bodane mɔɔ edwɛnɛ ne mɔ gyi zo, neɛ anɛɛnu ninyɛnɛ mɔɔ wowɔ nu la yeado gua.

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## 2. Mbuluku nu ɛnleɛnleɛnɛ

Kɛmɔ gyimayɛɛ anwo hyia la ati, kɛɛvoma dɔɔnwo ɛha nwoɛ edwɛkɛ. Bie mɔ a le Budd (2011), Ndlovu (2018), Bendassolli nee Tateo (2017), Bauman (1998), Laan van der, Ormsby, Fergusson nee McIlveen (2023), Savickas nee Baker (2005), Tan (2014), Dik nee Duffy (2009), yɛɛ Gini (2001).

Mɔɔ Budd (2011) hanle wɔ gyimayɛɛ anwo la a le kɛ, ɔle nyɛɛɛ mɔɔ nvasoɛ wɔ zo mɔɔ sonla fa ye sonlabaka nee ye adwenle yɛ mɔɔ tɛ ye bodane ala a le kɛ bɛfa bɛaliɛɛ bɛ nye, emomu kɛ bɛfa bɛakpondɛ ezukoa anzɛɛ debie mɔɔ sonle bolɛ la. Ngilenu ɛhyɛ kile kɛ debie biala mɔɔ sonla fa ɔ nwo nane anzɛɛ ye adwenle yɛ ɔnva nwo kɛ ahatualɛ wɔ nwo anzɛɛ ahatualɛ ɛnle nwoɛ la, ɔle gyima. Yemɔti saa awie yɛ awie mɔ moalɛ mɔɔ ɔnlie nwoɛ ezukoa bɔbɔ la a, ɔdaye ɔle gyima ɔluakɛ yemɔ a maa ɔ nye die wɔ ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu a.

Ndlovu (2018) kile a, ngilehile mɔɔ fale pɛɛɛɛɛɛɛɛ nee gyima ɛsɛsɛbɛyɛɛ nwo mɔɔ Abibilema fa bɔ bɛ ɛbɛla la ɛnzi awuleyɛɛ nwo adua. Otoa zo kɛ mɔɔ bɛkpondɛ bɛavi awie biala ɛkɛ a le kɛ awie biala kɛyɛ ye afoa nu ɛdɛɛ na ɔkɛboa awie mɔ, na tɛ kɛ ɔdi awie mɔ dufule ɔ. Mɔɔ edwɛkɛ ɛhyɛ kile a le kɛ saa maanle bie bakpazi a, kyesɛ awie biala bɔ ɔ nwo mɔdenle yɛ gyima ɛsɛsɛbɛ boa, na saa yeamba ye zo a, yemɔ a fa ndoloboaliɛɛ nee ɛbɛla funli ba maanle nu la.

Bendassolli nee Tateo (2017) to zo kɛ, gyimayɛɛ le adenle ko mɔɔ azedɛnlanɛ dua zo kakyi, mɔɔ esiane, nzenzaleɛ ɛmkpa nu a. Edwɛkɛ ɛhyɛ kile kɛ esiane kola sisi wɔ gyimayɛɛ nu, zɔhane ala noko a anyuhɔɛ kola ba sonla ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu ɔlua gyimayɛɛ a. Bauman (1998) noko suzu kɛ gyima a le debie mɔɔ li moa mɔɔ nwoɛ hyia kpalɛ, mɔɔ ninyɛne gyɛne mɔɔ ɛha la doa ye a. Ye sikalɛ a le kɛ, gyima a maa bɛnwu awie bie ye sonla holɛ wɔ sua bie azo a.

Laan van der, Ormsby, Fergusson nee McIlveen (2023) bɛdabɛ noko bɛkile nu kɛ, gyima le debie mɔɔ boka sonla ɛbɛlabɔɛ nwo mɔɔ ɔngyi ahatualɛ nee ɛɛka mɔɔ bɛyɛ ninyɛne la angome kye azo a. Bɛ edwɛkɛ ne le nɔhalɛ, ɔluakɛ tɛ menli mɔɔ yɛ gyima la amuala a die ahatualɛ a. Bie mɔ die bɛ nloa anu alɛɛ ezukoa ala, yɛɛ bie mɔ bɔbɔ ɛnlie ezukoa anzɛɛ debie fee. Yɛɛ saa bɛka gyima anwo edwɛkɛ a, tɛ yemɔ titili a le kɔmpɛɛ anzɛɛ mbulalɛ adwinli gyima mɔɔ bɛyɛ ninyɛne nu la angome.

Savickas nee Baker (2005) se ndelebɛbo mɔɔ menli lɛ wɔ gyima ngilenu anwo la ɛhakyi fane dɔɔnwo. Mɔɔ maa yɛnwu ye zo la a le kɛ, kɛkala egyinliyɛɛ ɛzi aze na kɔmpɛɛ nee mbulalɛ adwinli gyima ɛragyinla ɔ gyakɛ anu. Tan (2014) yemɔ ɔkile nu kɛ, mɔɔ bɛgyinla zo bɛkile kɛ gyima bie si de anu la a le mɔɔ vi gyima ne anu ba la anzɛɛ adwenle mɔɔ menli lɛ wɔ ɛkpalilɛ nee ezukoa mɔɔ bɛfa bɛwula gyima bie anu anwo la.

Dik nee Duffy (2009) noko kile gyima anu sikalɛ kɛ ɔle debie “mɔɔ maa sonla kola tɛnla ngoane nu” la. Mɔɔ edwɛkɛ ɛhyɛ kile la a le kɛ saa awie kpo kɛ ɔkɛyɛ gyima a, ɛnɛɛ noko ɔmbangola ngoane nu tɛnla, ɔluakɛ ɛsalɛ mɔɔ ɛnye gyima la ɔnli alɛɛ na ɛhɔne noko mɔɔ ɔ nee ye lua la a le ewule.

Gini (2001, pp. 2-3) ɔdaye noko ɔmaa ngilenu ɛhyɛ wɔ gyima anwo:

Gyima a le debie mɔɔ yɛdua zo yɛda yɛ subane ali na ɔmaa yɛdi munli kɛ menli la... Gyima a le tone mɔɔ yɛfa yɛto yɛ nee awie mɔ anwo la. ɔle debie mɔɔ yɛdua zo yɛkile dibilɛ mɔɔ yɛɛ, ɛzonlelilɛ mɔɔ la yɛ nwo zo, nee nvasoɛ mɔɔ wɔ yɛ nwo zo wɔ sua bie azo la. Gyima anwo ɛngyia ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu ala; ɔle debie mɔɔ anwo hyia mɔɔ yɛ ngoane gyi zo a.

Wɔ Dagbamba maanle nu, Alhassan (2019) kile a, egyinliyɛɛ yɛɛ gualilɛ gyima bie mɔ nee suazilɛ gyima yɛɛ saa bɛyɛ a bɛto edwɛnɛ a. Alhassan (ibid) toa zo kɛ Dagbamba

ne mɔ to gyimayɛɛ edwɛne fa tu ɛvɛɛ, na bɛdua zo bɛdi adwelie. Tengepaare (2015) ɛyɛ ye nzonɛ kɛ, Dagaaba mraale dua gyimayɛɛ edwɛne zo siezie mɛhola avinli, na bɛdua zo bɛto bɛ hu mɔ nrɛlaleɛ. Wɔ gyima ɛhye anu, yɛbanwu ngyehyɛɛ mɔ Nzema gyimayɛɛ edwɛne lɛ, bodane mɔ findevinde nu, menli ekpunli mɔ edwɛne ne gyi bɛ nwo zo, nee anɛɛnu ninyɛne mɔ findevinde nu la.

### 3. Nvedenvedenu adenle

Nvedenvedenu adenle mɔ gyima ɛhye gyi zo la a le ngɛɛhɛɛ. ɛhye ati, yɛluale adwɛlielilɛ nee mbulukɔ nu ɛnɛɛnɛɛnɛ zo yɛ yɛkpɔndɛɛ edwɛkɛ yɛyɛɛ gyima ɛhye a. Yɛboɔboale edwɛkɛ ne anloa wɔ Siane Bulu ne ɛvɛɛ 2024 kɔdwu Siane Gyɛne ne ɛvɛɛ 2025 wɔ maangyɛba nsa ne mɔ wɔ Nzema la anu. Amaa yɛanyia edwɛkɛ mɔ di munli la, menli mɔ ɛli ɛvɛɛ abulanlu (50) kɔdwu abulasuu (70) la yɛ yɛvɛɛ bɛ yɛlilɛ gyima ne a. Dɛɛmɔti yɛvɛɛ menli ekpunli ɛhye la a le kɛ, ɔwɔ nuhua kɛ mgbavɛɛ nee mbɛɛra noko yɛ gyima ɛdɛɛ noko saa ɔba ye gyima mɔ bɛyɛ a bɛto edwɛne la a yɛmɔ, menli mɔ anyɛ ɛvi la a ta ye zo a. Mɔ yɛyɛɛ la a le kɛ yɛmaɛnɛ menli ne bie mɔ dole gyimayɛɛ edwɛne ne bie na yɛhyɛɛ yɛgualɛ fonu zo. Eza yɛhɔlɛ bie mɔ gyima nu na mɛkɛ mɔ bɛgua zo bɛɛyɛ gyima na bɛɛto edwɛne la, ɛnɛ yɛdayɛ noko yɛɛkyɛ yɛagua fonu zo. Yɛ nee bɛ lile adwelie vale edwɛne ne mɔ anwo na bɛhilehilele nuhua bɔkɔ bɛhilele yɛ. Bie a le bodane mɔ edwɛne ne gyi zo, folɛdulɛ mɔ wɔ nu, yɛ menli ekpunli mɔ edwɛne ne gyi bɛ nwo zo titili la. Akeɛ yɛnɛɛnɛɛnɛ mbulukɔ bie mɔ anu na yɛnyianɛ edwɛkɛ ne bie.

### 4. Nvedenvedenu ne

Wɔ gyima ɛhye anu, yɛbavedevɛde gyimayɛɛ edwɛne ne mɔ anu nwɔ ala anu. Mɛkɛ mɔ yɛyɛ ɛhye la, yɛbava yɛ adwenɛ yɛazie ngyehyɛɛ mɔ bɛɛ, bodane mɔ bɛgyi zo, anɛ mɔ findevinde nu, adwenɛnu nvoninlihyɛɛ mɔ findevinde nu, nee folɛdulɛ mɔ wɔ nu la azo.

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*Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe o o e e e*

*Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe o o e e e*

*Ɔmɔ ɛdane ɛzane Akuba*

*Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe o o e e e*

*Me nee ɛbɛla pe a menwɔnyia ewule a menze*

*Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe o o e e e*

*Me nee ɛbɛla pe a menwɔnyia anwonyane a menze*

*Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe o o e e e*

### Sinlipɛɛ nee ngyehyɛɛ

Edwɛnetovo ne ɛɛkile kɛ wɔ ewiade ye anu, ɔnlɛ kɛ awie biala peɛ wɔ ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu, ɔluakɛ saa ɛ nee ɛbɛlabɔɛ ne peɛ a, ɛkola ɛyia ɛsiane bie mɔ anɛɛ ɛnɛ ɔnlɛ kɛ ɛyia ye la. Edwɛnetovo ne gualɛ edwɛne ne ekpunli nwɔ. Biala lɛ ɛhonlɛne nna nna.

Ekpunli ne moɔ li moa la anu ɛhonlone ne mo sɛ, kyesɛ moɔ to zo nsa ne la ala. Ekpunli nwio ne ɛhonlone ne moɔ li moa nee moɔ to zo nsa la sɛ ndendenle, yɛɛ moɔ to zo nwio ne nee moɔ to zo nna ne la bɛdabɛ bɛsɛ ndendenle.

Wo ɛhonlone ko, nwio nee nna ne moɔ wo ekpunli ko ne anu la, edwɛnetovo ne ɛzi edwɛkɛ, “Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe” azo ɛva ɛhile kɛ wo ewiade ye ɛhye anu, onle kɛ awie biala pele wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu. ɛhye maa yɛnwu kɛ ɛbɛlabɔlɛ le abotane, ɛhye ati onle kɛ yɛpele nwo na emomu, yɛkendɛ Nyamenle mekɛ ne ɔluakɛ yemo a le mekɛ kpakɛ ne a.

Saa yɛnea ɛhonlone ne moɔ to zo nsa wo ekpunli ne moɔ li moa la anu a edwɛnetovo ne sɛ, “Omo ɛdane ɛzane Akuba”. Wo ɛke, edwɛnetovo ne bo ɔ nli duma na o sɛ kɛ, “O nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe”. Edwɛnetovo ne ɛlɛto edwɛne ɛhye yɛahile ɔ nli kɛ ɔ nee ɛbɛla ɛnrɛpele fee. Okɛyɛ kɛ edwɛnetovo ne ɔ nli fa ye toto ɔ gɔnwɔ mo moɔ ɛlɛdi boɛ wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu la anwo na ɔpiepia ye kɛ ɔdaye noko ɔyɛ kɛ bɛdabɛ la. Saa yɛnea edwɛkɛ moɔ edwɛnetovo ne hanle wo ɛhonlone nsa ne anu la a, yɛnwu kɛ edwɛnetovo ne ɛlɛka ɔ nli ahonle ado ye azule nu kɛ, ɔmmamaa ɔ rɛle bo fee na ɛbɛlabɔlɛ ne bayɛ boɛ. Edwɛnetovo ne edwɛkɛ ne eza kile kɛ ɔwo kɛ ɛrɛladane kpakɛ biala tu ɔ mra folɛ na ɔkile bɛ adenle kpakɛ wo debie biala anu. ɛhye ɛnrɛmaa ngakula ne mo ɛnrɛpe adenle ɛtane bie azo kɛ bɛfa bɛanyia bɛ nwo.

Wo ekpunli nwio ɛhonlone ne moɔ li moa la anu, edwɛnetovo ne akee kile deɛmoti ɔngulo kɛ ɔpele ɔ nwo wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu la. Oka kɛ, “Menwɔnyia ewule a menze.” Edwɛnetovo ne da ye ali kɛ wo ewiade ye anu, awie ɛnze moɔ la ɔ nyunlu la, ɛhye ati onle kɛ awie biala pele wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu. Anwɔnyia ndɛndɛ ɛkpondɛ kɔwie ewule nu. Zɔhane ala a awie biala ɛnze kenle moɔ ɔkɛyia ɛsiane a. Wo ɛhonlone nsa ne moɔ wo ekpunli nwio ne anu la anu, edwɛnetovo ne eza kile deɛmoti ɔngulo kɛ ɔpele ɔ nwo wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu la wo adenle fofolɛ zo. Oka kɛ, “Menwɔnyia anwɔnyane a menze.” Edwɛnetovo ne maa yɛnwu kɛ saa awie pele ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu kɛ ɔkpondɛ anwɔnyia ndɛndɛ a, ɔkola ɔnyia ewule anzɛɛ anwondolɛ moɔ ye ɛdondonlɛ ɛnla aze fee a. Eza saa awie pele wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu na ɔnyia anwondolɛ a, ɔnrɛnwu ɛlɛka moɔ akee ɛbɛlabɔlɛ ne baha a.

### **Bodane**

Bodane moɔ gyima edwɛne ɛhye gyi zo la a le kɛ ɔwo kɛ yɛsi ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu abotane. Edwɛne ne ko maa awie biala, noko ɔko ɔmaa mgbavolɛ nee mbɛlɛra ne mo titili. Gyima edwɛne ne maa ɔda ali kɛ, awie moɔ lɛ abotane la ɛnle anyebolo. Sonla ɛhye ɛnva ɔ nwo ɛntoto awie mo, ɔnzuzu ɔ ti akunlu ɔngua awie mo anwo zo. Oye moɔ ye anwosesebɛ bahola amaa yeayɛ la. ɛhye ɛngile kɛ ɔ nye ɛmbolo wo ɛbɛlabɔlɛ nu, emomu ɔ nye yɛɛ ɛmbolo awie mo a. Sonla ɛhye anye so biala moɔ ɔlɛ la, na saa ɔlɛ bie o, ɔnlɛ bie o, ɔto ɔ rɛle aze. Akee moɔ hyia kpakɛ la, sonla zɛhaɛ ɛmmaa awie mo ngehanlɛɛ ɛnnɔyia ɔ nwo zo tumi na ɔnva ɔ nwo ɔnwula ɛbɛla funli nu kɛ ɔkpondɛ anwɔnyia ndɛndɛ.

Kɛmo yɛnwu ye ɛnɛ la, mgbavolɛ nee mbɛlɛra dɔɔnwɔ fa bɛ nwo wulowula ɛbɛla mgbane mgbane ɛbolɛ nu kɛ bɛkpondɛ anwɔnyia ndɛndɛ. ɛhye ati, bie mo die ezukoayile moɔ bɛdo ye duma sakawa la. Bie mo noko fa bɛ nwo wula adidolɛ nee atodɔmgbunla nu. Akee bie mo noko bɛmɛ, bɛdi dufule eza bɛku awie mo boɔbo. Kɛmo edwɛnetovo ne hanle ala la, mekɛ dɔɔnwɔ ne ala menli moɔ ezukoa anyebolo ti bɛfa bɛ nwo bɛwulowula ɛbɛla mgbane mgbane moɔ le kɛ moɔ yɛdiedia anu la, bɛnyia ewule yɛɛ bie mo boɔbo bo nwole ɛlane.

### **Aneɛ ne**

Edwɛnetovo ne vale adwuleso anɛɛ a nwonle edwɛne ne a. Ovale edwɛmgbɔkɛ moɔ le kɛ ewule, anwɔnyane, ɛbɛla, ɛmpe moɔ bɛ ndelebɛbo ɛnyɛ se la a dole edwɛne ne a. Na emomu, edwɛkɛkpɔkɛ “ɛdane” le moɔmoane anɛɛ moɔ kile ɛrɛladane. Anɛɛ ne eza le tolera, ɔluakɛ edwɛnetovo ne anva anɛɛnu ninyɛne kpaziwɔkɛ biala anli gyima.

### **Alerakoyɛɛ.**

Saa yɛnea ekpunli nwio ne anu a, ɛhonlone nwio biala mɔɔ bɔ ekpunli biala abo la dwula ye 'e'. Alerakoyɛɛ ɛhye maa kpɔkɛ mɔɔ edwɛnetovo ne ɛbɔ kɛ ɔnrɛpele fee wɔ ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu la da ali wienyi. ɛhye le zo ɔluakɛ alɛra 'e' ne ɛliɛliɛ ne kile kɛ edwɛnetovo ne anye ɛbolo wɔ kpɔkɛ mɔɔ yebɔ la anwo.

Adwenlenu nvoninlihyɛɛ bie mɔ mɔɔ finde edwɛne ne anu la ɛne;

### **Kɔnsɔnante nzizo.**

Edwɛnetovo ne vale kɔnsɔnante nzizo lile gyima. Ɔzile kɔnsɔnante alɛra 'm' azo wɔ ɛhonlone ne mɔɔ li moa nee mɔɔ tɔ zo nsa ne mɔɔ wɔ ekpunli nwio ne anu la. Ɔkɛ se kɛ, "Me nee ɛbɛla pe a menwɔnyia ewule a menze."

### **Sonlayɛɛ**

Edwɛnetovo ne kile a ɔ nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe. Edwɛnetovo ne vale ɛbɛla lile gyima kɛ asɛɛ ɔle sonla mɔɔ ɔ nee ye pele la.

### **Edwɛkɛnzizo**

Edwɛnetovo ne zile edwɛkɛ "Me nee ɛbɛla ɛmpe" azo fane dɔɔnwɔ vale hilele kɛ ɔ nye sɔ biala mɔɔ ɔkɛnyia wɔ ɛbɛlabɔɛ nu la na tɛ kɛ ɔpele yeakpondɛ debie mɔɔ ɔmbanyia ye ɛɛ la ɔ.

### **Edwɛnetovo ne gyinlabelɛ**

Edwɛnetovo ne wɔ aɛɛɛkyekyɛɛ nu. Wɔ ɛhonlone ko nee nsa ne mɔɔ wɔ ekpunli nwio ne anu la anu, edwɛnetovo ne se "Menwɔnyia ewule a menze" yɛɛ "Menwɔnyia anwonyane a menze." Edwɛnetovo ne hanle edwɛkɛ ɛhye vale kyekyɛle ɔ rɛle.

### **Folɛdula**

Ɔzukoalɛdɛɛ dɔɔnwɔ wɔ edwɛne ne anu. Bie mɔ a dɔɔdoazo la:

Ɔwɔ kɛ awie biala akunlu dwo mɔɔ ɔɛ la anwo.

Saa ɛsi abotane a ɛ sa ka wɔ debie kpalɛ.

Gymayɛɛ molozo kola fa ewule anzɛɛ anwonyane ba.

## **2.**

*Awie ɛnlɔ ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛnlɔ ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛnlɔ ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Bɛbutu bɛɔ wienyi*

*Awie ɛnvu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛnvu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛnvu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Bɛvunvu bɛɔ*

*Awie ɛmbu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛmbu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Awie ɛmbu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli o o o  
Bɛbubu bɛɔ wienyi*

### **Sinlipɛɛ nee ngyehyɛɛɛ**

Edwɛnetovo ne ɛɛkile kɛ, ɔwɔ kɛ awie biala bɔ ɔ nwo mɔdenle ye gyima na yeali mɔɔ kɛvi ye gyima ne anu kɛra la. Ɔnle kɛ awie fa ye adwenle sɔ awie kɛ ɔbahola yeaboa

ye, ɔti ɔwo ke ɛsale biala moɔ di alee la ye ɔ sa anloa gyima. Eza ɔka ke, awie biala endu ɔ nwo enzie ɛke ne ke ɔye gyima yeamaa ɔ gonwo. Awie biala ye gyima maa ɔdaye mumua ne ɔ nwo. Yemɔti ɔwo ke sonla ko biala fa ɔ nwo wula gyima nu amaa ɔ sa aho ɔ nloa. Edwɛnetovo ne gualɛ edwɛne ne ekpunli nsa. Ko biala le ɛhonlone nna. Edwɛne moɔ le subane zɛhae bie la a bɛfɛle ye sonɛte la. ɛhonlone ko kodwu nsa moɔ wo ekpunli biala anu la sɛ ndendenle, yɛɛ ɛhonlone moɔ li awielee wo ekpunli biala anu bɛdabɛ asɛɛ bɛsɛ ndendenle.

Edwɛne ɛhye anu edwɛmgbɔkɛ ne mo maa yɛnwu ke ɔle egyinliyɛɛ edwɛne. ɔkile ngyehyɛɛ titili nsa ne moɔ wo egyinliyɛɛ nu la. Ekpunli ko ne kile mekɛ moɔ bɛbo egyinliyɛɛ bo la; ɛya ne ɛzonle nee ye ɛyelalɛ. Ekpunli nwio ne noko kile mekɛ moɔ bɛdua alee ne la. Ekpunli nsa ne ɔdaye ɔkile mekɛ moɔ bɛfa bɛyɔba bɛfi egyinli ne anu la.

Ekpunli ko ne maa yɛnwu ke, wo sonla ɛbelabɔle nu, ɔnle ke ɔtenla ɛke ne ke debie kpale bie kɛvinde ye aɛlevilɛ nu. ɔwo ke ɔtudu agyakɛ wo deɛ kpale ne moɔ ɔkpondɛ la anwo. Edwɛnetovo ne kile a “Awie ɛnlo ɛmmaa awie ɛnli.” Moɔ edwɛkɛ ɛhye kile la a le ke ɔwo ke ɛyazovo ko biala nwu ye ke awie gyɛne bie ɛnrɛvi ɛleka bie ɛnrɛrazo ɛya ɛnrɛmaa ye ke ɔlua. Na emomu, ɔdaye mumua ne yɛɛ ɔwo ke ɔtudu nwolɛ agyakɛ na ɔso ye ɛya ne a.

Edwɛnetovo ne ka wo kpunli nwio ne anu ke, “Awie ɛnvu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli.” Kɛmo bɛka ke gyima sinli ɛnlɛ ahatualɛ la, edwɛnetovo ne kile a saa bɔbo ɛyazovo ne so ɛya ne kpandaanwo to ɛke na yeanlua a, ɔnva nvasoɛ biala ɔmba. ɛhye ati, ɔle kpale ke saa awie bo mɔdenle so ɛya a, ɔnle ke ɔgyakyi ye ɛke ɔmaa ɔfia sua. Emomu, ɔwo ke ɔbo mɔdenle na ɔgua mra nu amaa yeaye alee yeamaa ye kenle bie.

Ekpunli nsa ne noko ka ke, “Awie ɛmbu ɛmmaa awie ɛnli.” Saa awie bo mɔdenle so ye ɛya, ɔdua na alee ne kye a, ɔwo ke ɔbu anzɛɛ ɔtu alee ne. Saa ɛyasovo ne gyakyi alee ne wo ɛya ne anu a, ndile bava ye, na nane bɔbo ali. Tɛ yemo angome, alee ne kye ɛya ne anu a, alee ne kola kpɔɔ na ɔsɛkye mgbane. ɛhye bamaa yeaye ke asɛɛ ahenle anyɛ gyima biala la. Eza ɛhye maa yɛnwu ke, saa gyimayɛno bo gyimayɛle bo a, ɔwo ke ɔye ɔdwula na ɔ sa aha ye nvasoɛ ne amuala.

### **Bodane**

Bodane moɔ gyima edwɛne ɛhye gyi zo la a le ke nvasoɛ wo gyimayɛle zo, yemɔti ɔnle ke awie biala ye mgbɔvonle. ɔwo nuhua ke bɛdole edwɛne ne bɛvale egyinliyɛɛ nwo ɛdeɛ, noko akee ɔka gyima biala moɔ bɛye la anwo edwɛkɛ noko. Nɔhale nu, menli bie mo wo ɛke a, bɛmɛ bɛradole awugya ninyɛne, yemɔti bɛnvɛ ke moɔ bie mo fɛ la. ɔ muala anu, saa ahenle ambo mɔdenle anva ninyɛne moɔ bɛva bɛgyakyi ye la anli gyima kpale na ɔgyakyi ye kpasaa a, ninyɛne ne azo ɛnrɛra nvasoɛ. Saa awie fa ɔ sa sia ye ɛzɔle nu suzu ke awie mo bamaa ye nwonane afoa nu ngyianlɛdeɛ kɔsɔɔti a, ɔbali ehyia na ɔ rɛle abɔ. Zɔhane ala a saa awie twi ɛhɛlɛnra bo gyima bie abo na nzinlii ɔto ye adwenle nu ɔsuzu ke awie gyɛne baradoa zo aye ye kpale a, ɔdaye ɔ sa bazi aze a. ɛnɛ mekɛ ye yemo, awie biala ɛnlɛ alagye fee. Yemɔti saa awie bo mgbokpo na ɔye akadwoɔ a, ɔbali ɔ sa anzi alee. Moɔ edwɛne ne maa yɛnwu la a le ke gyima biala moɔ awie kɛzo nu la, ɔwo ke ɔye ye kpale na ɔye ɔdwula. ɔti edwɛne ne fale dasanli ko biala anwo.

### **Aneɛ ne**

Edwɛnetovo ne vale adwuleso aneɛ a dole edwɛne ne a. ɔvale edwɛmgbɔkɛ moɔ le ke wienyi, bubu, do, moɔ bɛ ndelebɛbo ne la ɛke ne la a hɛlɛle a. Eza yeanva anɛɛnu ninyɛne kpaziwoɔke biala yeanwulowula nu.

### **Alɛrakoyɛɛ**

Saa yɛnea ekpunli nsa ne amuala anu a, ɔda ali ke, ɛhonlone nsa moɔ li moa wo ekpunli biala anu la, “o” a dwula ye a. Emomu ɛhonlone ne moɔ li awielee wo biala anu la

dwula ye “i”, “ɔ”, yɛɛ “i”. Alɛra ɛhye mɔ maa anyebolo mɔɔ edwɛnetovo ne ɛɛfa aha ye edwɛkɛ ne la da ali kpalɛ.

Adwenlenu nvoninlihyɛɛ bie mɔ mɔɔ finde edwɛnɛ ne anu la ɛnɛ:

### **Kɔnsɔnante nzizo**

Edwɛnetovo ne vale kɔnsɔnante nzizo lile gyima. Saa yɛnɛa ekpunli nsa ne anu a, ɛhonlone biala mɔɔ li awiɛɛ la “b” yɛɛ bɔ ɔ bo a.

### **Edwɛkɛnzizo**

Edwɛnetovo ne zile ɛhonlone mɔɔ bɔ ekpunli biala abo la azo fane nsa. Eza ɔzile edwɛkɛ “bɛhɔ” azo. ɛhye mɔɔ edwɛnetovo ne yɛɛ la kile kɛ amgba ɛnɛɛ ɔ nye ɛbolo.

### **Edwɛnetovo ne gyinlabelɛ**

Edwɛnetovo ne wɔ anyebolo nu. Saa yɛnɛa edwɛnɛ ne a, yɛnwu kɛ, edwɛnetovo ne anye ɛbolo ɛɛtu yɛ folɛ wɔ gyima munli nɛɛ ye kpalɛyɛɛ anwo.

### **ɛzukoalɛdɛɛ**

Edwɛnɛ ne tu folɛ kɛ ɔwɔ kɛ awiɛ biala bɔ ɔ nwo mɔdenle yɛ gyima. Eza ɔtu folɛ kɛ gyima sinli ɛnlɛ ahatualɛ. Eza ɔmaa yɛnwu kɛ atianufɛɛkoyɛɛ, mgbɔvonleyɛɛ nɛɛ mgbahayɛɛ kola maa awiɛ mɔɔ bɛzɛ ye kɛ ɔbɔ ɔ nwo mɔdenle bɔbɔ la anwo kyele ye ɔlua ye anyefuu nyɛɛ ti.

## **5. Adwulalɛɛ**

Nvedenvedenu ɛhye ɛnlɛa ngyehyɛɛɛ, bodane nɛɛ adwenlenu nvoninlihyɛɛ mɔɔ finde Nzema gyimayɛɛ edwɛnɛ bie mɔ anu la. Yɛnwu kɛ gyimayɛɛ edwɛnɛ biala lɛ bodane mɔɔ ɔgyi zo yɛɛ menli ekpunli mɔɔ edwɛnɛ ne fale bɛ nwo la. Yɛzuzu gyimayɛɛ edwɛnɛ nwɔ anwo wɔ gyima ɛhye anu. Wɔ edwɛnɛ ne mɔɔ li moa la anu, yɛnwu kɛ ɔgyi mgbavolɛ nɛɛ mbɛɛra anwo zo titili. Yɛɛ ye bodane a le kɛ ɛbɛlabɔɛ kpalɛ ɛnlɛ ɛpeleɛ. Emomu, ɔhyia abotanezilɛ nɛɛ gyima ɛsɛɛɛyɛɛ. Zɔhane ala a edwɛnɛ ne mɔɔ tɔ zo nwɔ ne ɔdayɛ ɔmaa yɛnwu kɛ, ɔnlɛ kɛ awiɛ yɛ akadwɔɔ na ɔsuzu ɔ ti akunlu ɔgua awiɛ mɔ anwo zo a. Eza yɛnwu kɛ Nzema gyimayɛɛ edwɛnɛ ɛnda ɛnyɛ tendɛnlɛ. ɛhye ɛmmaa edwɛnetovoma ne ɛnɛ ɔlua edwɛnɛ ne tendɛnlɛ ti. Emomu, bɛɛ nzinrenzinra mɔɔ anɛɛ mɔɔ wowɔ nu la anu ɛmpi a. Nzema gyimayɛɛ edwɛnɛ tu folɛ dɔɔnwɔ mɔɔ bie a le kɛ, mgbɔvonle ɛnlɛ kpalɛ, mgbahayɛɛ ɛnlɛ kpalɛ, yɛɛ gyima kpalɛ ɛyɛɛ zo lɛ nvasɔɛ.

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