



## Ingoma Choir Core Repertoire (updated 2022)

Song	Meaning / Notes	Link
<b>The Click Song</b>	Qongqonthwane. Traditional Xhosa wedding song made famous by Miriam Makeba	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/the-click-song">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/the-click-song</a>
<b>Wajika jika</b>	Xhosa wedding song – translates as “The Bride Dances”. Personal favourite ☺	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSWbFAGxsnI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSWbFAGxsnI</a>
<b>Oh Happy Day</b>	African-American gospel classic	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfd7iJKHSZ0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfd7iJKHSZ0</a>
<b>How Great Thou Art</b>	Well known hymn – with a beautiful translated Xhosa verse	
<b>Thata Isoka Lakho</b>	Literally translated as "Take Your Man" this is a romantic but uptempo fun & soulful song about traditional dating, spending time together by a beautiful river in the countryside.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv1rVXzplRY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv1rVXzplRY</a>
<b>Shosholoza</b>	Originally a traditional miner’s song- the word “Shosholoza” means “ <i>go forward</i> ” or “ <i>make way for the next man</i> ”, in Ndebele, but the song also mixes in Zulu lyrics. The song became globally famous after the Rugby World Cup of 1995.	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/shosholoza-encore-featuring">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/shosholoza-encore-featuring</a>



<b>Ndikhokhele Bawo</b>	Translated as “Lead me Lord”, beautiful song! Often features as part three of two other praise songs (as per our link), but can be sung separately	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACcWSvdaSUG">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACcWSvdaSUG</a>
<b>Nkosi sikelela IAfrica</b>	Alternative, gospel, arrangement of the National Anthem.	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/nkosi">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/nkosi</a>
<b>Amazing Grace</b>	A Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton, "Amazing Grace" is one of the most recognisable songs in the English-speaking world, with particular resonance for African-Americans.	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/amazing-grace">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/amazing-grace</a>
<b>Mikhulu</b>	Gospel song "Great are His Miracles"	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/HoutBayIngomaChoir/videos/814268699059019/">https://www.facebook.com/HoutBayIngomaChoir/videos/814268699059019/</a>
<b>Nomvula</b>	Recent song by Eastern Cape pop singer Nathi	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ_VjZaLoj0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ_VjZaLoj0</a>
<b>Ingoma</b>	Let us revive our trust in God through song.ingoma is the choir’s trademark song.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MaVXxnPSKY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MaVXxnPSKY</a>
<b>Emaribini</b>	Emaribini is a traditional Xhosa song about an orphan. The song asks: “ <i>Who will look after this child, for it is truly without parents?</i> ”	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/emarabini">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/emarabini</a>
<b>Ukuthula</b>		



	<p>Ukuthula is a traditional Zulu song. It is a kind of prayer – “Ukuthula” means “peace” in both isiZulu and isiXhosa. Absolutely beautiful song!</p>	<p><a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/ukuthula">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/ukuthula</a></p>
<b>Ndizothuma bani</b>	<p>A hymn, translates as “Who Will I Send?”telling the story of god asking who to send on earth to preach the gospel,and Jesus Christ rose and volunteered himself</p>	<p><a href="https://youtu.be/SMD6MFvJ3aM">https://youtu.be/SMD6MFvJ3aM</a></p>
<b>Ikhona Idawo</b>	<p>Gospel hit by Joyous Celebration</p>	<p>Our facebook page <a href="https://bit.ly/2Sus1iP">https://bit.ly/2Sus1iP</a></p>
<b>Pata pata</b>	<p>Classic Miriam Makeba pop song</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq5S5sH1Ikk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq5S5sH1Ikk</a> (not ours!)</p>
<b>Sicel’indlela</b>	<p>Tswana song, about a crowd of people saying farewell to their loved ones. We often use it as our closing song</p>	<p><a href="https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/sicelindlela">https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/sicelindlela</a></p>
<b>Celebration</b>	<p>Festive Xhosa song</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42-CCPUhEf4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42-CCPUhEf4</a></p>
<b>Silent Night</b>	<p>Xhosa version of traditional Christmas Carol  - and other Christmas Carols seasonally available ☺</p>	<p>Our Facebook page <a href="https://bit.ly/2KZMwkO">https://bit.ly/2KZMwkO</a></p>
<b>Loliwe</b>	<p>Beautiful accapella</p>	<p>Our Facebook page</p>



	interpretation of pop song by Zahara	<a href="https://bit.ly/2RDymsr">https://bit.ly/2RDymsr</a>
<b>Can You Feel the Love Tonight</b>	Song from the Lion King Musical - plus we can do the Zulu opening to the musical (the opening to the Circle of Life) " <i>Nants ingonyama bagithi Baba!! Sithi uhm ingonyama</i> " etc 😊	
<b>Johnny Clegg Medley</b>	A song depicting when Mandela was still a prisoner in robA song depicting when Mandela was still prisoner in robben island. How he was taken from his people.ben island. How he was taken from his people.  African parts of Asimbonanga and Osiyeza	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSH0tDuARII">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSH0tDuARII</a>
<b>Izulu Luthumbenthaka</b>	Joyous and uplifting to the ear, though actually quite apocalyptic in meaning, translating as "The World is at the Brink of Catastrophe" - perhaps appropriate for the era of global uncertainty we are living in!	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lweGowv3ljQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lweGowv3ljQ</a>
<b>Indodana</b>	One of my favourites, it's a little melancholy and serious but so very very beautiful. It's about the resurrection of Christ	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkN0XxAp4_c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkN0XxAp4_c</a>



<b>Hlonolofatsa</b>	Gospel song - "Be blessed in the name of Jesus"	
<b>Kuliko Jana</b>	Kenyan Swahili gospel song by singer Sauti Sol	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojvz49ISfM4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojvz49ISfM4</a> (original - should get our own version soon)
<b>Stand by Me</b>	Classic Ben E King song, arranged similar for choir	Similar to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e35ttXQ5qu4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e35ttXQ5qu4</a>
<b>Is This Love</b>	Bob Marley's classic	
<b>Nongqawuse</b>	A song telling the story of a sangoma who made a false	



	prophecy.	
<b>Baba wethu osezulwini</b>	the lord's prayer "Father who art in heaven"	
<b>Ke moratiwa</b>	"He/She is my lover." A song sung by two love birds to each other.	
<b>Ndandihleli emnyameni</b>	"I was sitting in darkness, reminiscing of the time I was with my lover."	
<b>Dali thathumthwalo uyosebeza</b>	My love, baby, sweetheart, get up and go to work so you can earn money to pay" lobola"for me.	
<b>Ndikhumbuli langa</b>	"I remember the day I gave myself to you." A song sung. By a lover to her lover.	
<b>Istimela</b>	a train that the lover left with. So she/he laments on how the train has broken her/his heart by taking the lover away.	
<b>Mlondoloz</b>	Xhosa Hymn "keeper of my soul" text meant for worship to God. Mikhulu	
<b>Iqhude</b>	"the crock has crew/crowed since dawn and still there is no water" a song sung by a mother in law to a Makoti"daughter in-law"	

<b>Bayethe</b>	this song translates "you're the lion of judah"	
<b>Ndiphethamaso</b>	A song about the	



<b>sanalwami</b>	struggle of how one would hide when the guns started blazing.	
<b>Can't give up now</b>	A song by Mary Mary. About being positive even in times of torment.for God didn't bring me this far to abandon them.	
<b>Iona linamandla igazi</b>	Zulu Hymn “ the is power in the blood of jesus “	
<b>Xa ndiyekelelwa</b>	Xhosa hymn “What would i be,if i were abandoned by you lord”	
<b>Sinothando,sinoxolo</b>	Xhosa Hymn about trust in God.	
<b>Koloi medley</b>	combines a couple of xhosa,zulu,sotho and tswana songs.its a song that is sung as a finale.	

<b>Imbube</b>	Composed by Solomon Linda, the song speaks is about the king of the jungle,“iMbube” (Lion). A classic and popular in choral festivals as well as within the <i>isicathamiya</i> circles made by popular vocal groups such as Ladysmith Black Mambazo.	
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<b>Homeless/Emaweni</b>	Depicts a story of a vagabond/homeless person,because the winds have destroyed their homes.	
<b>Bathandwa besceli ndlela</b>	A song usually sung at the end of a ceremony.translates "beloveds,may we ask to leave,cause its late now"	
<b>koloi</b>	This song depicts a scenario where a car is leaving but the person who wants to narrating is being left behind.	
<b>umbhedesho</b>	is a south african " <i>Credo In Unum Deum</i> ".	
<b>Thixo onothando</b>	Xhosa hymn."God of love"	
<b>Banna Ba Jeso</b>	"We are children of God and we are led by the spirit". An up-tempo song with a beautiful subtle movement.	
<b>Baba Yetu</b>	Composed by Christopher Tin, this is the Lord's prayer in Swahili.	
<b>Amen Medley</b>	A medley of popular Nguni Amen hymns.	
<b>Struggle Medley</b>	A medley of Senzeni na (what have we done) and Thula Sizwe (do not cy my country). These songs became	





	popular during the apartheid era and were sung to give hope to ethnic groups that were discriminated against.	
<b>Mangisondele Kuwena Nkosi</b>	is a Zulu version of "Nearer my God to Thee"	