

African Choral

SONG	MEANING / NOTES	Readiness 1 = any time 2 = bit of polishing 3 = needs a little longer	LINK
Amazulu	A beautiful song that speaks on the faith the heavens and earth have in the Lord.	2	https://youtu.be/B9PBpzTxfYg
Amen medley	A powerful medley of popular Amen hymns in isiXhosa.	1	
Amen Siyakudumisa / lona linamandla igazi	A medley of a Xhosa and Zulu Hymns “ that translate to “we praise your name and there is power in the blood of the lamb “	2	
Banna Ba Jeso	“We are children of God and we are led by the spirit”. An up-tempo song with a beautiful subtle movement.	1	
Bayethe	This song translates “Hail Lion of Judah”. It is a testament of the Lord’s greatness and is in a isiXhosa / isiZulu indigenous style Often sung as an intro to Ndikhokhele bawo	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACcWSvdaSUG
Celebration	Festive Xhosa song	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42-CCPUhEf4

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Dali that'umthwalo uyosebeza	My love, baby,sweetheart, get up and go to work so you can earn money to pay" lobola"for me.	1	
Emaribini	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> ”	1	https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/emarabin
Hlonolofatsa	Gospel song - "Be blessed in the name of Jesus"	2	
Hosana	Made popular by the grammy winning South African choir, Soweto gospel choir, Hosana speaks to how the Lord gives strength to those who are weak and weary.	2	
Imbube	Composed by Solomon Linda, the 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.	1	
Indaba Yothando Lwakhe	A traditional Xhosa hymn about the love of God.	1	
Indodana	It's a little melancholy and serious but so very beautiful. It's about the resurrection of Christ - very rousing	2	https://on.soundcloud.com/fp38cLEsiCe8FAavKH
Ingoma	Let us revive our trust in God through song. Ingoma is the choir's trademark song.	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MaVXxnPSKY

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Iqhude	"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"	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqYgzQWuPFc
Istimela	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.	1	https://youtu.be/uqeSvzla2aI
Ke moratiwa	"He/She is my lover. "A song sung by two love birds to each other.	1	
Konke	A declaration of surrendering all to the Lord	1	
Mangisondele Kuwena Nkosi	is a Zulu version of "Nearer my God to Thee"	2	
Mangwane	A medley of Sotho / Tswana wedding songs	2	
Mikhulu Ingumangaliso	Gospel song "Great are His Miracles"	1	https://www.facebook.com/HoutBayIngomaChoir/videos/814268699059019/
Ndandihleli emnyameni	"I was sitting in darkness, reminiscing of the time I was with my lover."	2	
Ndikhokhele Bawo	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	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACcWSvdaSUg Also https://youtu.be/F9q8VSs-2bc
Ndikhumbuli langa	"I remember the day I gave myself to you." A song sung. By a lover to her lover.	1	

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Ndisondela Kuwe	This songs translates to “I come nearer to You”. A true definition of a South African traditional choral genre known as <i>AmaKhorasi</i> (Church choruses).	1	https://youtu.be/hM5cy3wuj30
Ndizothuma bani	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	1	https://on.soundcloud.com/ywNcFjtZ9FzitOi2eQ
Ngivumeleni	A song that asks for one’s dream to be realised and be allowed to live it. Written by one the important African choral composers, Mbuso Ndlovu .	1	
Nkosi	The South African National Anthem “remixed” to more gospel, upbeat arrangement	2	https://on.soundcloud.com/vDszk52XclGtXkboof
Nkosi sikelela iAfrica	The South African National Anthem in its traditional arrangement	1	
Nongqawuse	A song telling the story of a sangoma who made a false prophecy resulting to the Xhosa nation losing their belongings, including their land.	2	https://youtu.be/NwaB6UdaHTA?si=c-9DJ69XILU5z0q4
Ntyilo Ntyilo	Written by one of the key composers of jazz music, Ntyilo-Ntyilo speaks of a beautiful sound a bird makes.	2	https://youtu.be/VFr6LdWrutg
Shosholoza	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.	1	https://soundcloud.com/usher-93790401/shosholoz-a-encore-featuring
Bathandwa Sicele’indlela	Xhosa / Tswana song, about a crowd of people saying farewell to their loved ones. We often use it as our closing song	1	https://on.soundcloud.com/9IWIB2nb6YcKgzzFrF

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Struggle Medley	A medley of Senzeni na (what have we done) and Thula Sizwe (do not cry my country). These songs became popular during the apartheid era and were sung to give hope to ethnic groups that were discriminated against.	2	
Thata Isoka Lakho	Literally translated as "Take Your Man" this is a romantic but Up-tempo fun & soulful song about traditional dating, spending time together by a beautiful river in the countryside.	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv1rVXzpIRY
Thixo onothando	Xhosa hymn."God of love"	2	
Ukuthula	Ukuthula is a traditional Zulu hymn. It is a prayer – " <i>Ukuthula</i> " means " <i>peace</i> " in isiZulu. Absolutely beautiful song!	2	https://youtu.be/qgUZ93USPBU
Ulalele	Traditional Zulu wedding song.	1	https://youtu.be/yLwu5l7zpNg
Wajika jika	Xhosa wedding song – translates as "The Bride Dances". Upbeat and joyous	1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSWbFAGxsnI
Xa ndiyekelwa	Xhosa hymn "What would i be, if i were abandoned by you lord"	1	

Afropop / African Gospel

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The Click Song	Qongqonthwane. Traditional. Xhosa wedding song made famous by Miriam Makeba	2	https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/the-click-song
Oh Happy Day	African-American gospel classic	2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfd7iJKHSZ0
Amazing Grace	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.	3	https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/amazing-grace
Nomvula	A choral arrangement of the famous song by Nathi who is a popular Afro-pop singer from the Eastern Cape.	2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ_VjZaLoj0
Baba Yethu	Oscar winning game-theme by composer Christopher Yin adapting the Swahili version of the Lords Prayer into an uplifting anthem	3	Arranged a bit like https://youtu.be/PCa8RxaOPW8?si=9k9JCrGuG_kaoQhO
Pata pata	Classic Miriam Makeba pop Song	2	https://on.soundcloud.com/DnZkqS0HnXOLbYPQcU
Loliwe	Beautiful a 'Capella interpretation of pop song by Zahara	3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcNLH8M9luU
Johnny Clegg Medley	A song depicting when Mandela was still a prisoner in Robben island. It speaks to how he was taken from his people.	3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSH0tDuARII

	African parts of Asimbonanga and Osiyeza resemble a sense of yearning and the nostalgia both the people and Mandela had in his time of incarceration.		
Kuliko Jana	A choral arrangement of a Kenyan Swahili gospel song by singer Sauti Sol	2	https://www.ingoma.co.za/our-music
Homeless / Emaweni	Ladysmith Black Mambazo and featured on Paul Simon's Graceland. Depicts a story of a vagabond /homeless person, because the winds have destroyed their homes.	2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cx9NjZ4wqhI
Noyano/ Somebody Say	A fun joyous upbeat chorus	1	https://youtu.be/wHXZRW4cfWI
Vus'owakho umsebenzi	A powerful African gospel song written by Sipho Makhabane which translates to the Lord pouring His Holy spirit over us.	1	Original song here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtXDrZ_RIMNM

Western Pop /Soul / Gospel / Hymns

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Oh Happy Day	African-American gospel classic	2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfd7iJKHSZ0
How Great Thou Art	Well known hymn – with a beautiful meaning of praise. The verses are both in English and translated to isiXhosa.	2	https://youtu.be/dN4ZB3cp00I
Amazing Grace	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.	2	https://soundcloud.com/user-93790401/amazing-grace
Can You Feel The Love Tonight	Song from the Lion King Musical - plus we can do the famous Zulu opening to the musical (the opening to the Circle of Life) “ <i>Nants ingonyama bakithi Baba!! Sithi uhm ingonyama</i> ” etc ☺	3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzAFjeRVPWs
San’bonani	A beautiful song in the <i>Isicathamiya</i> style made famous by Ladysmith Black Mambazo; Sanbonani (meaning greetings), composed by Mbuso Ndlovu, is a Zulu greeting song serving as a way the choir introduces itself to the audience.	2	https://youtu.be/ZWs8xRKML_4
Stand by Me	Classic Ben E King song, arranged similar for choir	2	https://youtu.be/L5flu7Kj33Y
Happy	A choral arrangement of Pharell Williams’s hit song	3	
Chandelier	A choral arrangement of the popular Sia song, Chandelier.	2	https://youtu.be/rOj2y-b0HSc?si=RVAFDgENhEhi4i9h