

# Senzeni Na



A South African anti-apartheid folk song.

The Xhosa and Zulu language song is commonly sung at funerals, demonstrations and in churches. Activist Duma Ndlovu compared the influence of Senzeni Na to that of the American protest song, We Shall Overcome.

Senzeni Na in English means 'What Have We Done?'

How can you use your voice to bring out the expression of the song?

Articulate every vowel sound and every consonant.

Drop your jaw and let the Naaaa carry.

How do you want your audience to feel when hearing this song?

Remember, this song is important.

How can this song influence others?

Think about how music has helped bring about historical and social changes. Think of some examples of songs that have changed the world for the better.



Write your own song - how do you want to influence others, and maybe change the world...?

Perhaps you can add harmonies to your song?

Sing through the main chord in your song - the key chord.

Practise 'laughing around the chord to help'.

On the main note of your song add the part above and below, or if this is the lowest note, add two parts above. Explore the chord...