

Nhengure

Fork-tailed Drongo

(Rove ngoma, rove ngoma **Beat the drums, beat the drums** repeated throughout)

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Nhengu-, nhengu-, nhengu-, nhen... gure
Fork-tailed, fork-tailed, fork-tailed, fork-tailed... drongo
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A *nhengure* is a type of bird known in English as a [fork-tailed drongo](#). Within this song, though, *Nhengure* is a drummer-musician – so nicknamed either as a totem or because of his looks and behavior, which are similar to those of the bird. The song communicates the frustration that a man goes through in his search for a wife. When he feels he is ready to settle down and has found "the one", he finds she is not as sure of him as he is of her. She strings him along with the promise that one day she *will* say "yes", while at the same time she is busy vetting her other options. *Nhengure* is being advised by the singer not to lose focus and leave his craft because of a girl he has met, because she could be deceiving him: he must depend only on his music.

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