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DAVID NZOMO TRIO

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Nzembelukye (Party Song) Syimbithi (Secrets) Kana Ngwenda (A Girl I Love) Nyie (Me) Ngwatanio (Unity) Niki (Why) Mathina (Problems) Ling'a (Pleasure)

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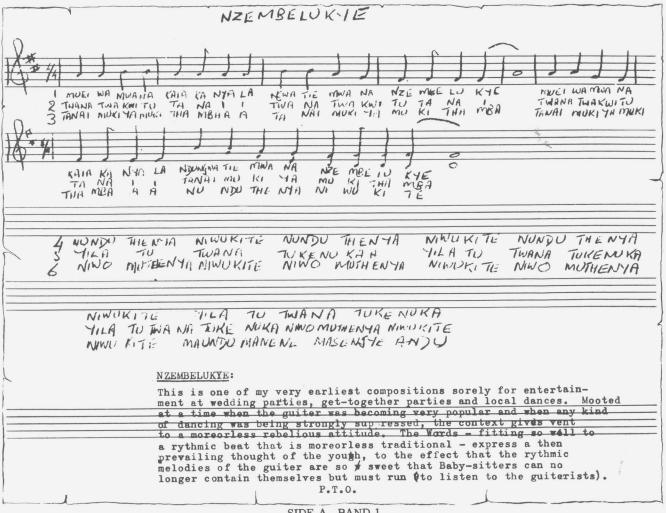
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I find this tittle most convenient for my songs because they are not only Rhythmic - as nearly all African Music is undisputally Rhythmic, AFRICA IS THE LAND OF RHYTHM, but are also very much influenced by Jazz melodies: this is mainly why I find it so necessary to say the following, endeavouring to give as full an explanation as I know of their Origin.

In the years 1957 and 1958, I happened to preside over a High School Students' Organization that staged concert displays around my country -Kenya in East Africa. So as to hold the attention

of our audience when the stage was being set for the succeeding scene or play, it occurred to me that a song may conveniently be entertaining. I knew how to hold a few key scales on the guitar and had already struck some simple tunes that I was using for entertainment at wedding parties, get-together parties and local dances. I thought of trying some on the stage and they proved very entertaining to the audiences. As time went and I became a little better acquainted with the guitar, I tried them on different keys, giving them a twist here and there until they came to their present

(Original words and manuscripts)



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