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DL: What is the meaning of the song and the drum for #1?

GFA: The song is telling you, "My friends, now this is time for war. Our enemies are standing here to attack us." As a warrior, what do you have to do? You have to look at your home. That is what the drums mean, "As long as we are alive, our home is not going to be overtaken from us." When the drum says, "Look back at home," it means that you are looking back to your own home. The drum carries the message, "Can we give up our home for somebody to capture us and own it? We have to fight back." That is why those two go together like that.

DL: What is the meaning of "*koko*"? [drum language]

GFA: "By all means." The homeland has been attacked; the warriors can't say no; they must fight back; they must go and get the enemies out of the place. The song is saying, "By all means, we have to go, fight back, and get enemies out of the area to make sure the homeland is clear."

DL: What is the meaning of "*Kpɔ afe go dzi*"?

GFA: "Look back at home" because it is being attacked. We got the message that the home is being attacked by our enemies, so what do we do? We have to look back, go back, and make sure the home is safe.

DL: What is the interpretation of "*tet den ga tet den ga ten*"? [drum language]

GFA: My interpretation is that because the whole song is about warriors, people attacking, I should praise and encourage the warriors to get ready, to prepare to go. That is my personal focus, the way it comes to my mind. It's my personal opinion, not what I heard from my uncles.