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GFA: The song says, [reads poem]. This song is about companionship. It says, "Fatherhood or motherhood. Who do I trust? On whom do I rely?" Let me give you a little talk about the story behind this. A guy in town is always trying to act like a warrior. When the time for war approaches, he says, "Oh, if the war comes, I will be the first person to get ready to go." But when the war leaders ask people to come out, all of a sudden this guy hides under his bed. The warriors go. Then, when he hears that the warriors are coming back, this very guy wants to show himself off, but the town people tell him, "Look. As soon as the warriors come in to this town, you have to go to a different area. We don't want to see you. Move out and go to *kpoviadzi*. As a coward, go and create your village over there at *kpoviadzi*. Bring your warrior self over there." They don't want him to be fooling around, thinking that he can act like a brave person, when he is the most cowardly person in the town. This is actual meaning of this song: When the war comes, someone pretending to be a warrior runs away to hide himself under the bed. When the true brave people come back, he wants to cry, "Hey hey, look at all we have done." But the people say, "Get up and go. Move out to form your own coward village."