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GFA: The drum language says, "*Dze klo di koko gbidim.*" When we say "*Gbidim*" it means this: [mimes a fighting gesture] I kneel down to finish you. When you are on the battlefield and an enemy grabs you like that, he is going to finish you. The drum language means that a warrior has already been captured and the song says that he has already figured out, "I am going to a war of no return." In other words, before leaving for war, the warrior foresaw that he would not win the battle. He has in mind, "Whatever happens is whatever happens." He is already saying that he is going with no assurance that he is coming back safely. The tone of the song is, "I know very well that I am going to a war of no return." True, he was defeated and the enemy has kneeled down on top of him to finish him. This is a song of no return and the drums say, "Here you have been attacked and your enemy is kneeling to finish you off." That is why I put the two together.