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WD-CG1 United States 1973

I AM HEARING BATS WEEPING

WD – Ethnic – Vocal

Comp: (Traditional)

Perf: Mulka **MARTIN** (vocal)

Prod: Jacques Jangoux

Prod. Co: Folkways Records & Service Corp.; New York, NY

Rec. Eng: Jacques Jangoux

Liner Notes: (4-page insert)

Time: 2:20

LP: MUSIC OF ZAIRE – VOL. 1: LIBINZA – PEOPLES OF THE
NIGRI RIVER

Folkways FE 4241 (2XLPs) (Disc 1 – Sd 2 – Bd 4)

Notes: Zaire became the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 1997.

This track from the village of Motaki is described in the liner notes – “I am hearing bats weeping. Am I being bewitched? There is already one dead. Why does the bat come and sing again, is there another dead? (Note: It is believed that bats cry when someone is dead.)”

The audio clip has a sad solo lament, which is answered at some points by another voice.

The full [liner notes](#) of this album are given on the Smithsonian Folkways Web site.

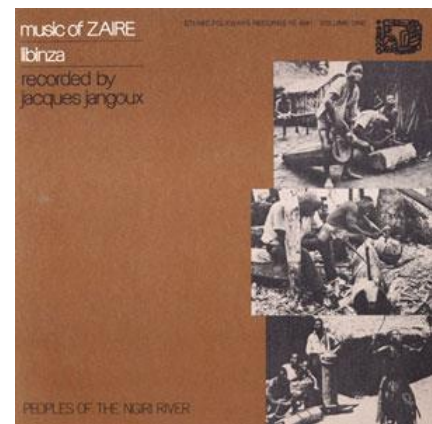
This recording was released on a Folkways CD in 2009.

Ref: Music of Zaire – Vol.1 – Libinza, [Sears](#)

Music of Zaire – Vol.1 – Libinza, folkways.si.edu (◀AUDIO SAMPLE)

Music of Zaire – Vol.1 – Libinza, Liner Notes pdf, folkways.si.edu

Music of Zaire – Vol.1 – Libinza CD, worldmusicstore



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