

# The Singing Wells Project: Music of the Kalenjin



Artist: Lomuke Group

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Location: Lomuke, Kenya

Tribe: Kalenjin, Pokot

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The Lomuke tribe are farmers who were pushed out of the Rift Valley when the British arrived. They ended up living in the desert as nomads and three quarters of the Lomuke still live in the desert.

**Anyakar:** This is sung during the ceremony of Sapana to protect yourself from the enemy and to make you strong before war.

**Chepa Lalaiyo:** This song is used for any ceremony to entertain people.

**Kirap:** Sung before male circumcision to make the male youth strong and have courage. Male circumcision occurs between 15 and 18 years old.

**Kiter:** This is the first song sung before a ceremony.

**Asoiyen:** A blessing for any ceremony

**Adong'o:** The song helps make someone strong before the exercise; helps them with jumping during the song.

**Montonyo:** This is sung for the favourite child who the tribe really loves.