**“TELL EVERYBODY” AFRICAN SONG LYRICS**

**Please note:** each artist, inspired by the crowdsource song-writing competition “Add Your Voice/Add Your Verse”, wrote their own lyrics. Becca was invited to sing the winning English verse, written by Tanzanian Farhan Yusuf. Eric-Orion Biao from Benin won the French verse and his lyrics inspired Toofan’s verse.

**OPENING CHORUS**

I’m a tell you

I’m a tell them

I’m a tell everybody yeah

**YEMI ALADE** (Nigeria - pidgin)

Hmm Ayayai!

We coming out in hundreds and thousands yoh

Ayayai!

The time don reach to save our people yoh

Ayayai!

Turn down for what everybody sing along oh!

Remember the people that put you in power and gave you the mantle

Ayayaai

**DIAMOND** (Swahili)

Maendeleoyanaletwanavijana

(Development is brought by the youth)

Oh Tenawaleo/ ambaenimienawewe

(The youth of today, that is you and I)

Juhudiupeonasiokukatatamaa/

(We have Great efforts and never give up.)

Aamkaleoduniaituelewe/

(Arise today and let the world understand us!)

**Pre-chorus:**

But it don’t have to be this way

We can hope for a better day

No it don’t have to be this way

There is hope for a better day

**Chorus:**

I’m a tell you

I’m a tell them

I’m a tell everybody yeah X2

**SAUTI SOL**(Kenyan - Eng/Swahili)

I don't wanna follow, I wanna be a leader.

A brighter tomorrow and a better Africa

Sisiwoteni Mali yaMungu X2

(We all belong to God.)

**BECCA** (GHANA - English)

Africa is the continent of tomorrow,

An Africa free of need, poverty and sorrow,

The whole world is going to take a bow,

Africa, your time is now, now, now!

**MAFIKIZOLO** (SOUTH AFRICAN - Zulu)

AMANDLA!

NkosiSikeleliAfrica((Lord save Africa)

Nkosiphelisiindlala (Lord end Poverty)

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**SARKODIE** (Ghana - English)

A couple of things I wanna talk about

I’m going in and out

Cos we are the new generation

And we’ve gotta make a change

From north east west straight to the south

(local language)

We’re all living in the house

We’ve gotta make changes

You ready?

The Africa story that they see on the telly

Are we proud?

Do we steady

We are so rich but we look petty

We are the new faces

We have gotta end poverty

We gotta fight inequality

We are in between two stages

**TOOFAN** – from Togo

Avancez, oyé

(Let’s get going)

Dansl’égalité, oyé

(Equally)

Tous pour la liberté

(All for the liberty)

Dans le respect

(In respect)

Toietmoidebout

(You and I standing up)

Tous en rendez-vous

(All ready / All on time)

On estjeune, on est fort

(We’re young, we’re strong)

Instruitetd’accord

(Educated and understanding each other)

On va changer le monde

(We gonna change the world)

**Chorus:**

I’m a tell you

I’m a tell them

I’m a tell everybody yeah X4