

## **Clegg Johnny**

### **"Moliva"**

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Hawu baba ngashada intombi yami esikolweni emoliva

(Oh father I married my girl at the school on Mooi River)

Kwashunqa uthuli kwandlovu madoda silwela lobuhle

(The dust was rising with all the preparations at  
Ndlovu's home)

Usipho wakipha izinkomo ezamalobolo ezinamasondo

(Sipho paid the bride price with a motor car)

Wadlala umukwa wami, wadlala engalindile

(And my father-in-law performed an unexpected war  
dance

on the spur of the moment)

Wadlala umukwa wami engalindile kwakhikhiza abafazi

(My father-in-law performed an unexpected war dance

and the women encouraged him with shrill cries)

Ngisho izulu eliphezulu lalihleka kancane

(Even the Heaven above - i.e. the Zulu King - gave a  
small laugh)

'Zulu eliphezulu lalikhona lalihleka kancane

(The Heaven above was present and he gave a small  
laugh)

Emoliva, emoliva

(At Mooi River)

Chorus:

Yamnandi lendaba ngaze ngashada emoliva  
ngiyabonga webanguni

(It was a wonderful event, for I eventually got married  
at Mooi River

and I thank you people of the chunu clan)

Ngaze ngashada ngaze ngathola nowami

(I eventually got married, I eventually even got my own  
wife)

Wemzila wangincelisa amasiko ngaze ngaba wumuthu

(Mzila! you suckled me on the traditions and customs  
of the Zulu and I became a person)

Hawu wemakhabela nangikhulisa ngaze ngaba  
wumuthu

(Oh you people from Makhabeleni you raised me until I  
became a person)

Kungathiwani ngani banguni nahlanganisa zonke  
izizwe

(And what can be said about you, Machunu people,  
for you brought together all the nations)

Nahlanganisa zonke izizwe ubesehlulekile ubotha

(You brought all the nations together,

Botha long having failed to do this)

Nahlanganisa zonke izizwe ngobuhle ubesehlulekile  
ubotha

(You brought all the nations together in good spirit,

Botha having long failed)

Emoliva

(At Mooi River)

Chorus

(Here I call out the praise names of various people who  
have been

important in my life, most of whom were present at my  
marriage)

Chorus

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