

Omara Portuondo "Drume Negrita"

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DRUME NEGRITA (Eliseo Grenet 1893-1950)

Mama la negrita / se le salen los pies de la cunita

y la negra Merce / ya no sabe que hacer

Tu drume, negrita / que yo va compra nueva cunita

que va tener capitel / que va tener cascabel

Si tu drume yo te traigo un mamey muy colorado

si tu drume yo te traigo un babalao que da pao pao

Tu drume negrita / que yo va compra nueva cunita

que va tener capitel / que va tener cascabel

Sleep my little black baby / And I will buy for you a new
baby crib

That should have a top cap and also a bell

If you sleep I will bring you a very red mamey

If you don't I will bring you a babalao / That will give you
pau pau

The feet of the little black baby / Come out of her crib

And the black Merce' doesn't know what to do

Sleep my little black baby / And I will buy for you a new
baby crib

That should have a top cap and also a bell

If you sleep I will bring you a very red mamey

If you don't I will bring you a babalao / That will give you
pau pau.

mamey: Cuban fruit

babalao: Santeria priest

pau pau: to give a wack with a stick

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