

# Wathinta Bafazi Zulu/Xhosa Protest Song taught by Kate

Howard at Village Harmony camp

From the women's march on Pretoria protesting the pass laws, August, 1956.

Now a slogan for women's empowerment throughout South Africa.

A) Wathinta bafazi, Wathinti 'mbokodo Uzo, uzokufa - 2x

B) Wathinta bafazi, Wathinti 'mbokodo uzokufa - 4x

Literally: "When you strike a woman, you strike upon a rock. And you will die."

Suggested lyric:

A) When you strike a woman, you strike upon a rock,  
A rock that will not break!

B) The power of women strengthens the movement,  
The force of Life!

## Wathinta Bafazi

Zulu/Xhosa. "When you strike a woman you strike a rock, and you will die."

A - 2x

**Wathinta, bafazi, Wathinta, bafazi, uzo, uzoku, uzokufa**

**S** D D D, DDD, D D D, D DD, X X, X X X, X X X X (X = low spoken)

**Wathinta bafazi wathint 'mbokodo, uzo, uzo kufa**

**A** S D D D R D R M M M D F S D D R R D

**T** S D D D T L L S S S M L S S M S F M

**B** D M M M S F F D D S S D S D D S S D

B - 4X

Wathinta \_\_\_\_\_ Bafazi \_\_\_\_\_ Uzo kufa (Uzo kufa)

**S** S S F \_\_\_\_\_ S S S \_\_\_\_\_ D D R M (S S M D)

**Wathinta bafazi wathint 'mbokodo, uzo kufa (uzo kufa 2nd ending)**

**A** M M M D R L R R R L D S S D D M ( S D R D)

**T** S S S Te L L L L L F M M M S S S ( M S F M)

**B** S S S M F F F F F R D D D S M D ( D S S D)