

**BIANKO**  
If I go to Bianco, I don't stay long  
for my opponent, dirty Sada, is there  
He will kill me, so I cannot stay long

**POLITICIENS**  
If you grow peanuts or corn  
do not let the monkey watch for you  
Politicians, we are not part of your war  
let us in peace

**WANZO**  
Do not try to do what you cannot  
Do not ask for me more than I can give

**GBEGBE**  
Dancel

**LOUAHOU**  
Everything I say and do, I do it for God/Nature  
but still, my mother and my father's blessing  
is the most important thing for me

**YADOH GOUA**  
You behave like no one has done it before  
what I've done  
What you're doing to me, do you do it  
to everyone, or only to me?

All lyrics by Diom de Kossa and the band

The music of Diom de Kossa origins from the dense forests of northern Ivory Coast where he played the Yadoh drums in his village. Beeing the master drummer in the Ivory Coast National Ballet for a decade, and his collaborations with European musicians, has given him an unique musical toolbox from which he creates his music.

On this cd he expands from his former traditional lineup by including norwegian jazz and folkmusic performers. All the compositions are made by Diom de Kossa, but created in close relationship with his musicians, all well versed in African music.

The result, a wide variety of sounds and grooves, is Diom de Kossa!



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01. Baba Toulenga 04:30  
02. Mangahi 05:29  
03. Baba 04:16  
04. Kokoriko Africa 03:51  
05. Yafama 03:55  
06. Bianco 04:10  
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08. Wanzo 03:47  
09. Gbegbe 03:40  
10. Louahou 04:20  
11. Yadoh Goua 05:17

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**DIOM DE KOSSA**

**Baba Toulenga**  
In My Fathers Shadow



**MUSICIANS:**  
Diom de Kossa – vocals, yadoh drums, dodo, percussion  
Khalid Salli – bass, backing vocals  
Kenneth Ekornes – drums, percussion, backing vocals  
Olav Torget – guitars, konting, backing vocals

**GUESTS:**  
Kristin Asbjornsen – vocals  
Rolf Erik Nystrom – sax  
Ellif Gundersen – goat horns,  
norwegian alghorn, tunmpet  
Dolphos Kouadio Briscard –  
rhythm guitar (Mangahi)

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