

# The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Chuck strum: D U X U  
(unless otherwise stated)

by Solomon Linda, released by The Tokens in 1961

**1st Soloist** (in rabado): Aweeeeeeeeeeeee-ee-ee-ee-um-um-o-weh

**2nd Soloist** (in rabado): Aweeeeeeeeeeeee-ee-ee-ee-um-um-o-weh

**Instrumental solo:** C F C G7

**All play and sing:**

Intro: C F  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh  
C G7  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh

Verse 1: C F C G7  
In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight  
C F C G7  
In the jungle, the quiet jungle, the lion sleeps tonight

huh! huh!

Chorus: C F  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh  
C G7  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh  
C F  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh  
C G7  
A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh, A-wim-o-weh A-wim-o-weh

Verse 2: ([\*Options: single strum, or 3 knocks\*](#))  
C F C G7  
Near the village, the peaceful village, the lion sleeps tonight

*(one island strum)*

C F C G7  
Near the village, the quiet village, the lion sleeps tonight

huh! huh!

