

# The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Mbube-Original Key of G)

Solomon Linda (1939)

The Tokens (1961)

G C G D  
**Intro:** Ee ----- Ee ----- Ee um um a weh  
G C G D  
Ee ----- Ee ----- Ee um um a weh

G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh  
G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh

G C G D  
In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps to-night  
G C G D  
In the jungle, the quiet jungle, the lion sleeps to-night

G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh  
G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh

G C G D  
Near the village, the peaceful village, the lion sleeps tonight  
G C G D  
Near the village, the quiet village, the lion sleeps tonight

G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh  
G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh

**Instrumental:** G C G D, G C G D

G C G D  
Hush my darling, don't fear my darling, the lion sleeps tonight  
G C G D  
Hush my darling, don't fear my darling, the lion sleeps tonight.

G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh  
G C G D  
a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh, a wimoweh

G C G D  
**Outro:** Ee ----- Ee ----- Ee um um a weh  
G C G (slower) D G (brrrng)  
(Fade) Ee ----- Ee ----- Ee um um a weh

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**songsheet adapted**