**Poems / Gira Ingoma**

1. **Ecole Primaire Ngoma**

I am a girl with purity, my presence is remarkable

I am an unshakable knight, I distinguish in my pledges,

Among dancers, I aim for excellence on my drum.

I work with courage, I am a heroic girl,

On the battleground, when I take a spear and shield, it makes me bloom my arms with glory

I praise my culture, and I keep fortify with unbeatable steps,

Presenting it to strangers through exceptional dance moves.

I am a girl who aims to be on the frontline never on the backbenchers,

I will work hard to reach them when they surpass me for,

I found valuing myself is a necessity in the world.

I am rebellious of my culture because I find it unique,

We match it with no one and I am on top of pledge upholders,

I outmaneuver, my stomps are the same

I shake the right mane, retrieve the one in front, and chant-like:

Be calm be calm, work with courage, and try your best

May your feet never tremble, to stand on your territory

I am a girl who knows what she wants in her country.

I escape stressors, I destroy impede

I crown one who crowns me, whoever tries me gets destroyed by my brilliance,

In stomps and drumsticks.

1. **Ecole Primaire Nyanza**

I am an exemplary girl who worked unworkable to many,

They get amazed when I drum, whoever sees me dances says in awe:

This is a professional dancer.

My mind gets relaxed when I drum,

I score well in my studies aiming for higher education.

I am a wide country, I am commendable with my people,

I am exemplary and I train others

I am a reserved pride that shows parents good deeds of creativity.

I am a drummer lady who second the first one to drum in Rwanda,

I confirm that “Have a Drum” arrived at the right time.

I walk on the frontline; I am a girl who sets a spear firmly

I am a juggler of drumsticks

I attract my spectators, and they see a bright future in me.

I am a fearless teenager; I entertain my spectators through the culture.

I am a girl, I am wonderful,

I strive to preserve my earned culture of drumming,

I am youthful and I never tempt others I give them courage.

I am famous, I come from Ndabaga

I am a hero of “Gira Ingoma” from my heroic acts,

I get fortunate when I dance, and the world trembles

When I commence, they say: you defeat cowards.

I am a girl; I am a hero like Ndabaga

I defeated a man on a battlefield,

Strangers study about me; I am allergic to cowards.

My spear is fast and sharp,

My enemy becomes a prey when I attack,

Daughter of Muhindo I never miss a shot,

In the battle of men, I attack on the frontline.

1. **Ecole Primaire Saint Antoine**

I am a girl who saved her father from a battlefield,

I am a legacy fighter,

Those who say that girls are incapable are wrong,

Ingoma nshya (New Drum) taught me to be fearless,

I am a girl unashamed of my work,

On the battlefield I am supreme.

I am an intimidating combatant, I become creative with the drumstick,

I am a joy-bringer; I am the pride of women..

1. **Groupe Scolaire Cyarwa**

I am a scorer of “Gira Ingoma”, I am a drummer woman who dances,

I ahead a fearful war, I intimidate,

I exhibit to conquer, I am a genius on drums,

I get moved into drumming and my spectators stay in awe,

They say: look at a girl who has a vision.

I was born to Kamaliza, I am a celebrated hero,

Many hearts were warmed by my stage appearance,

I surpass them all, I am a pride in knighthood,

I never am afraid, I show up on time in times of battle,

I am the strength of my country and a victory for everyone.

I am a girl who dared the confusion of geniuses,

I am great on the bow, I am a keeper of my achievements,

I am a consistent artist; I charm when I juggle a spear

I am famous and I fit the inheritance bestowed by the heroine,

I am proud of my profession.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Kabuga**

I am Rwema (name - unfearful) of Ndabaga (heroic woman in Rwandan history) from

Storm creator, I am great on the attack, I amaze foreigners,

I am unbeatable, I never lose focus on the battlefield.

I am allergic to laziness never a coward, I am a breaker, I break rebellious hearts

I never get afraid of the past, I am a forefront walker,

I stand the spear protected under a shield and I make a graceful head move.

I am a girl, I jump through the arrows,

I am unique, I compete and win,

On the battle of drums, I will attract all nations,

I will love drumming

Traditional dance be my specialty until I reach my goal.

I show up gracefully when I hear the music of drums, and my audience praises me;

This is a professional dancer, even foreigners leave with the impression that:

Rwanda has a talent.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Kinteko**

I am a drummer for ‘Gira Ingoma” until my older age,

The earth tremble of my footstep,

The world stares at me when I set my spear,

Enemies escape when I cover up with a shield.

I have a drum, I will remain on the throne,

I am a trap of the trap setter,

I attract the attention of everyone,

I am a girl who rose with early risers for the “Gira Ingoma” program,

I never get intimidated on the battlefield, and even in a crowd I never lose my speech

I compete and win

1. **Groupe Scolaire Matyazo**

I am buoyant created by Gihanga (considered the creator),

I exhibit to conquer, I am a step of the dancer,

I come back with victories when I dress for a battle,

I am excellent, I surpass them all,

I never escape, and I can't betray the battle,

Only winners can handle my spear,

They get moved by my dance steps,

I am a girl who is decorated by smartness,

I dance and self-aggrandize, my word is a reality,

I remain on the top.

I never miss the spotlight, the bell’s stomp becomes a call,

My shield covers me no one invades me,

I sharpen the arrow, I am a smart light,

My drum is named Pride.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Mpungwe**

I am generous on ishakwe and inyahura (the name of drums),

I aim to entertain my spectators,

I am exemplary, my goal is drumming and dancing

And bring out emotions in my audience’s faces,

By drumming and healing broken people, preserving mental health.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Musange**

I am a creative girl who dared to drum,

I am a genius for a spear and shield and excel when it comes to drums.

I appear in the front combatants and show up with confidence and integrity.

I toughen like a knight, I am feared never to be intimidated by enemies,

On the battlefield, I killed enemies and scatted them,

And everyone looks up to me when I return home with a victory.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Rukira**

I am a messenger to transmit the program of Gira Ingoma,

I am the chosen one to preserve the heritage of Ingoma Nshya,

I strive to be exemplary,

I am excellent at the forefront of women dancers,

I demonstrate my curves, dancing in contemporary ways,

I fall unto fortune and my spear supports me.

I beat cowards, strangers study about me,

My acquaintances praise me; she belongs to Gira Ingoma,

A pride in her country,

That bravely comes from dearly Ingoma Nshya,

Ones who reappeared the drums in Rwanda,

I am now on the top to preserve thousands of drums,

Even in a crowd I never lose my speech.

1. **Groupe Scolaire Sovu**

I am a girl who was created by Gihanga, (regarded as the creator)

I create drumming, I create dancing,

I distinguish to know them.

I am a knowledge striver of G.S. SOVU,

I attract attention, and I aim to promote the programs of “Gira Ingoma”,

I am surely a knowledge striver!

Gira Ingoma, you came at the right time, you brought serenity,

You made us young girls to get a platform to showcase our unexploited talents,

You surely came at the right time, we are no longer in darkness,

We are the serene and lightened spirits.