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African Proverbs

Primary Source Reading

Mother Africa, I know that your people pass knowledge through stories and sayings and rhymes. I know your people are very wise.

So tell me, what do the people of Libya say?

The people of Libya say:

The camel does not see the bend in its neck.

What do the Fula people say?

The Fula people say:

Patience can cook a stone.

What do the Ashanti say?

The Ashanti say:

If you understand the beginning well, the end will not trouble you.

What do the people of Tanzania say?

The people of Tanzania say:

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.

What do the Ethiopians say?

The Ethiopians say:

When one is in love, a cliff becomes a meadow.

And what do the Ewe people say?

The Ewe people say:

Until the lion has his or her own storyteller, the hunter will always have the best part of the story.

