

# *Kwanzaa Theme Song*

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## *Chorus*

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## *Verse 1*

This is a message for everybody  
You, your bredren, your sistren and your family  
The word Kwanzaa means **First Fruits** in Kiswahili  
It's a special time for you and for me  
It's from December 26th to the first of January  
But we have to live it out daily-lee-lee-lee (Everyday)  
A time to reaffirm our values and our identity  
And fight the negative results of slavery  
It's start was 1966 by Maulana Karenga  
I tell you that ya man he is a professor  
He teaches Black studies inna California  
The roots of Kwanzaa come from **Afrika**  
We the Afrikans living in the **diaspora**  
We pull upon this energy so we can prosper  
That's the Seven Principles called the Nguzo Saba

Principle number 1 - **UMOJA**

Principle number 2 - **KUJICHAGULIA**

Principle number 3 - **UJIMA**

Principle number 4 - **UJAMAA**

Principle number 5 - That's the one **NIA**

Principle number 6 - **KUUMBA**

And number 7 you see, is called **IMANI**

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You know that Kwanzaa (Kwanzaa)

Is for the people (People)

So let us tell you (Tell you)

About the symbols (Symbols)

*(Repeat)*

The place mat is the **MKEKA**

The candle holder is the **KINARA**

The 7 candles, the **MISHUMAA SABA**

The Unity cup, **KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA**

The gifts that that we give are the **ZAWADI**

The corn is the children, it's the **MUHINDI**

The fruits and veggies are the **MAZAO**

The **BENDERA YA TAIFA** are the colors that flow

Before the 7 days of celebration are through

We all have a feast called the **KARAMU**

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*(Repeat)*

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