Ago Ame'

By Darrell Johnson

Verse 1:

Here's a phrase that comes from Ghana Africa, and if I wanna get your attention this is what I say

From the Akan dialect called Twi, this is what we say to all agree to stop talking and start listening

Chorus:

Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame')

Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame')

Then Shhh!

Verse 2:

Even though it's so much fun to say, there's a purpose to Ago Ame'; we need your attention right away

Ago means "Do you hear me?" and Ame' means "Yes, I do hear you!" so then all the learning can get underway

Chorus:

Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame')

Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame')

Then Shhh!

Verse 3:

Some might ask the cultural effect. It's a sign of mutual respect, and a willingness to all connect

So next when you hear Ago Ame', you will know the why of what we say

(spoken) Why don't we just try it now, OK?

| Chorus': |
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| Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame') |
| Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame') |
| Then Shhh! |
| (spoken) Not yetjust a little longerAhhhhhhhhhhl! |
| Chorus vamp 1: |
| Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame') |
| Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame') |
| Then Shhh! |
| Chorus vamp 2: |
| Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame') |
| Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame') |
| Then Shhh! |
| Chorus vamp 3: |
| Ago (Ame'), Ago (Ame') |
| Ago (Ame') Ago (Ame') |
| Then Shhh! |
| (spoken) That was good! |
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