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XINKANKANKA (A CHEETAH)

by Rev. D.C. Marivate

In the month of September 1939
There broke out again European wars,
England, Poland, France and Holland,
They were again faced with a cheetah (xinkankanka)
They armed themselves with spears (weapons)
Fighting for their lives.
Poverty and wailings /great suffering
Prevailed the whole world over.

Norway, Belgium, Greece and Yugoslavia,
Today they are helpless
They are in utter helplessness.
Russia, Australia and America,
They are also provoked by Japan and Germany.
Poland was the first country to be invaded,
He (Poland) was crushed (fayeteriwa) by the cheetah. (Hitler and German armies)

The next country to be invaded was Holland,
He (Holland) was pulled to pieces (kakatlurtwa) by the very same (Cheetah)
(Bass) Belgium and France
(Sop. Alt.) Was (France) taken by surprise (tshuka - surprise)
And forgot its Magnot Line (fence built by France for protection against the
German armies)
They were scratched to pieces (bvabvadzuriwa) by the cheetah
(bvabvandzula - scratch e.g. with claws (figurative meaning)

Look bretheren
The work result of European civilization,
It cannot redeem the world out of its misery /dilemma
But Jesus Christ
Is showing us the way
He says: Learn from Me, you will get everlasting life (peace).
Cleverness of the head i.e. (knowledge and science)
Without God i.e. without knowledge of and belief in God.
It is a thing of nothingness i.e. useless.

(Xinkankanka is a cheetach but in this song the composer Rev. D.C. Marivate,
uses the word xinkankanka to refer to Hiller.)

Rev. Marivate composed this song in 1939 while attending a Scout
training course. War broke out while he was in Gillwell Park, London, the
Scout Training Centre. He experienced the German air raids over London.
The song was written under those circumstances.