## CultureTalk Ethiopia Video Transcripts: http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu Singing Hymns

## **Video description:**

The initial hymn is praising God for answering prayers. People on the float often distribute cassette tapes, books, flyers, and paper hats. Behind the float are some oxen and sheep, which will be butchered once the procession reaches its destination, Meskel Square.

These occasions are also an opportunity for people to show their pride in their country and their tradition, hence the numerous flags in the air and on people's clothing.

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