A South African musician with a brain tumour was allowed to play his guitar during a successful operation to remove much of the growth. Musa Manzini was given local anesthetic during what doctors call an “awake craniotomy” this month at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in Durban.

Dr. Rohen Harrichandparasad, one of the surgeons, said that Mr. Manzini’s guitar-playing provided “real-time feedback” as the medical team removed most of the tumour while preserving neural pathways. A photo and video taken by the medical team show Mr. Manzini lying with his guitar in the operating room.

Musical recovery: Doctors performing a surgery on South African musician Musa Manzini. ▶️ YOUTUBE