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Africa

For SATB* and Piano with Optional Instrumental Accompaniment

Duration: ca. 3:50

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With a beat (♩ = ca. 94)

Piano

8

8

ShowTrax CD has 8 measures of percussion before choir enters at m. 9.

9

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

mp

Doo doo doo doo doo doo bah.

Dah dah dah dah dah dah dah

B $\flat$ Am Dm

8

dah dah dah dah dah dah.

Dah dah

Doo doo doo doo doo doo bah.

B $\flat$ Am Dm

8

12

*Available separately:
SATB, SAB, 2-Part, ShowTrax CD
Simple percussion patterns found on page 16.

Rhythm parts available as a digital download
(syn 1-2, gtr. b, dm, perc)
halleonard.com/choral



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17

The musical score is for a SATB choir and piano. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 15, 17, 18, and 22 indicated. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the piano accompaniment are shown. The lyrics are: "dah dah dah dah — dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah. Oo. I hear the drums ech - o - ing to-night, — but she hears on - ly whis - pers of some qui - et con - ver - sa - tion. Doo doo doo — doo doo doo doo bah." The piano part includes chords such as Em7, Am, Am/G, Bb/F, F/G, and Bb. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are also some markings like "8" and "Unis." in the vocal parts.

dah dah dah dah — dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah. Oo. I hear the drums

ech - o - ing to-night, — but she hears on - ly whis - pers of some

qui - et con - ver - sa - tion. Doo doo doo — doo doo doo doo bah.

26

Oo.

Unis.

She's com-ing in — twelve thir-ty flight, — her moon-lit wings — re -

C Em7 Am Am/G

26

Oo.

ah.

Doo doo doo — doo doo

flect the stars — that guide me to-wards sal - va - tion.

Bb/F F/G Am Bb

30

35

doo doo bah.

Oo.

Unis.

I stopped an old — man a-long the way, —

Am Dm C Em7 Am

34

38

Oo, ah.

hop-ing to find — some long for-got - ten words or an - cient mel - o -

Am/G B^b/F F/G Am

44 *cresc.*

Doo doo doo — doo doo doo doo bah. Oo.

dies. He turned — to me — as if — to say, —

B^b Am Dm C Em⁷

42

46

Unis.

“Hur-ry boy, — it’s wait-ing there — for you.” —

Am B^b Am Dm

52 *mf-f*

It's gon-na take a lot — to drag me a -

50

way from you. There's noth-ing that a

54

60

hun-dred men — or more — could ev - er do. I bless the rains

57

down in Af - ri-ca. Gon-na take some time -

Alto div.

E^b B^b F B^b/F F Gm

61

to do the things we nev - er had.

E^b B^b Dm⁷

65

Oo.

Doo doo doo doo doo doo bah.

Dah dah

mp sfz

F Gm F/A B^b Am Dm

68

72

dah dah dah dah — dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah.

mp

Doo doo doo — doo doo

B^b

73 74 75

mp To Coda (p. 12) ⊕

Dah dah dah dah dah — dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah.

sfz

doo doo bah.

Am Dm To Coda (p. 12) ⊕

76 77

78

Sop. I *mf* Oo.

Sop. II & Alto Doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo.

Unis. *mf*

The wild dogs cry out in the night — as they grow rest - less

C Em⁷ Am Am/G

79 80 81

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10

oo.

Doo doo doo doo doo, bah. Doo doo doo doo doo

long-ing for some sol-i-tar-y com-pa-ny.

B^b/F F/G Am B^b

82

87 oo.

doo doo bah. Doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo

Unis.
I know that I must do what's right, sure as

Am Dm C Em⁷ Am

86

oo.

doo. Doo doo doo doo doo, bah.

Kil-i-man-ja-ro ris-es like O-lym-pus a-bove the Ser-en-ge-ti.

Am/G B^b/F F/G Am

90

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96 Oo. *cresc.*

Doo doo doo doo doo doo bah. Doo doo doo doo

Unis. *cresc.*

I seek to cure

B^b Am Dm C

94

Unis.

doo. Doo doo doo doo fright-ened of this

— what's deep in side,

Em⁷ Am

97

D.S. al Coda (p. 7) ⊕

thing that I've be-come.

Oo, Oo, Oo,

B^b Am Dm

D.S. al Coda (p. 7) ⊕

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104 *f* Θ CODA

Dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah

Θ CODA
C *f* Em⁷

dah. Dah dah di la dah dah dah dah

Dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah. dah dah.

Am Am/G B^b/F

106

dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah'n dah. Unis.

Doo doo doo doo doo

F/G Am B^b

109

113

Dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah. — dah dah. —

Ten. only

doo doo bah. Dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah dah —

Am Dm C Em7

112

Unis. *cresc.*

Hur-ry boy, — she's wait - ing there — for you. —

Unis. *cresc.*
add Bass

dah.

Am Bb Am Dm

cresc.

115

121

It's gon-na take a lot — to drag me a -

Oo, —

ff

Gm Eb

ff

119

14

way from you. There's noth-ing that a

B^b F B^b/F F Gm

123

This system contains measures 123, 124, and 125. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics 'way from you. There's noth-ing that a'. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features chords B^b, F, B^b/F, F, and Gm. Measure 123 starts with a whole note chord B^b. Measure 124 has a half note F and a half note B^b/F. Measure 125 has a half note F and a half note Gm.

hun-dred men — or more — could ev - er do.

E^b B^b F B^b/F F

126

This system contains measures 126, 127, and 128. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics 'hun-dred men — or more — could ev - er do.'. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features chords E^b, B^b, F, B^b/F, and F. Measure 126 starts with a whole note chord E^b. Measure 127 has a half note B^b and a half note F. Measure 128 has a half note B^b/F and a half note F.

129 Sing four times, driving to end

I bless the rains — down in Af - ri-ca.

Gm E^b B^b F B^b/F F

Play four times, driving to end

129

This system contains measures 129, 130, and 131. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics 'I bless the rains — down in Af - ri-ca.'. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features chords Gm, E^b, B^b, F, B^b/F, and F. Measure 129 starts with a whole note chord Gm. Measure 130 has a half note E^b and a half note B^b. Measure 131 has a half note F and a half note B^b/F. The system ends with a double bar line.

Alto div.

Gon - na take some time — to do — the things we nev - er

Gm Eb Bb

133

had. Oo,

Dm7 F Gm F/A

136

Sop div.

doo doo doo — doo doo doo doo bah.

Bb Am Dm

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PERCUSSION
(Agogo Bells, Cabasa, Cowbell,
Conga Drums)

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With a beat (♩ = ca. 94)

The percussion notation is organized into four staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The Agogo Bells staff uses a series of 'x' marks to indicate hits, with some notes indicating a half-note or quarter-note duration. The Cabasa staff uses a series of 'x' marks with a 'z' (zap) symbol above them, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern. The Cowbell staff uses a series of 'x' marks with a 'z' (zap) symbol above them, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern. The Conga Drums staff uses a series of notes (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) to indicate a specific rhythmic pattern. The notation is divided into four measures by vertical lines, with repeat signs at the beginning and end of each measure.

These suggested patterns may repeat throughout entire song.

* Claves, or a high pitched cowbell may be substituted for agogo bells.

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CHORALOGRAPHY for "Africa"

This exciting arrangement can be enhanced with the choralography found on www.youtube.com. Search for "Africa" and you will find the video of the vocal ensemble Perpetuum Jazzile.

Divide your ensemble into four sections, left to right.

Begin with all members rubbing palms quickly together like sand blocks, imitating approaching winds (about 15 seconds).

Gradually replace this action with random finger-snaps, emulating raindrops from left to right: group 1, then 2, 3, and 4 (about 15 seconds).

Gradually replace finger-snaps with a rapid patschen (slapping the tops of thighs) (about 15 seconds).

While continuing to patschen, jump up in a wave from left to right, imitating thunder. Do this 3 times, with about 5 seconds between each "wave."

Fade patschen, replacing with finger-snaps.

Fade finger-snaps and begin rhythm instruments. Fade snaps when chords begin.

If desired, you may end the piece with another "thunder wave" (jump) and finger-snaps fading out.

Stage lighting may add to the rainstorm effect, if you wish.