

JAMBO BWANA

(Hello, Sir)

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

Traditional Swahili Phrases

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With excitement (♩ = ca. 92)

PIANO

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a rhythmic ostinato in the right hand, primarily using chords of F#4, A4, and C#5. The left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth and quarter notes. The piece begins with a forte (f) dynamic.

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SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

f - mf

f - mf

f

f - mf

Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

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The vocal staves for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass are shown. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The lyrics are: 'Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,'. The piano part includes dynamic markings: f, f - mf, and f.

* Also available for 3-part mixed (38026) and 2-part (38027).
SoundTrax CD available (38028).

PERFORMANCE SUGGESTION: Layer rhythmic ostinati played on authentic African percussion instruments.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE/POETIC TRANSLATION

Jambo bwana (*Jahm-boh bwah-nah*) = Hello, sir.

Habari gani rafiki (*Hah-bah-ree gah-nee rah-fee-kee*) = How are you doing today, my friend?

Asante nzuri sana (*Ah-sahn-teh ehn-nzoo-ree sah-nah*) = I thank you, I'm very fine.

Hakuna matata (*Hah-koo-nah mah-tah-tah*) = No worries, no problems here.

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jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo bwa - na,

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jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, — jam - bo. Jam - bo bwa - na,

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jam - bo, ___ jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, ___ jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

jam - bo, ___ jam - bo. Jam - bo bwa - na,

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13 SOLO 1
mf

Ha - ba - ri ga - ni ra - fi - ki?

jam - bo, ___ jam - bo.

jam - bo, ___ jam - bo.

jam - bo, ___ jam - bo.