

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

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SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na,

Jam - bo bwa - na,

Jam - bo bwa - na,

Jam - bo bwa - na,

* 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.

14 (end solo)

How are you do-ing to-day, my friend?

mf

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

mf

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

mf

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

16 SOLO?

A - san - te n - zu - ri sa - na.

Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

(end solo)

I thank _ you, I'm ver - y fine.

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

1. Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

2. Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

Jam - Jam - bo, _ jam - bo.

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(mf)

Ha - ku - na ma - ta - ta. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

(mf)

Ha - ku - na ma - ta - ta. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

(mf)

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

(mf)

24

No wor - ries, no prob - lems here. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

No wor - ries, no prob - lems here. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

26

Ha - ku - na ma - ta - ta. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

Ha - ku - na ma - ta - ta. Jam - bo, jam - bo.

Jam - bo, jam - bo.

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No wor - ries, no prob - lems here. Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

No wor - ries, no prob - lems here. Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

Jam - bo, — jam - bo. *sub. p* Jam -

30

SOLO 3 or SMALL GROUP (second time only)

f
O jam - bo. —

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

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

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

p-f

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— O jam - bo, — jam - bo.

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

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

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

O jam - bo. O jam - bo, —

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

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

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

jam - bo, jam - bo, — jam - bo.

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

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

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

f - mf

38 *mf* Jam - bo, — jam - bo. *mp* Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

mf Jam - bo, — jam - bo. *mp* Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

mf Jam - bo, — jam - bo. *mp* Jam - bo, — jam - bo.

mp bo, jam - bo. Jam - bo, jam - bo. Jam -

ff

40 *ff* Jam - bo, jam bo!

ff Jam - bo, jam - bo!

ff Jam - bo, jam - bo!

bo, jam - bo!