

PRONUNCIATION OF AFRICAN WORDS

The transcription of African languages has more or less followed the universally accepted phonetic sounds and symbols. However, the following should be borne in mind to get as near a sound as possible to those produced by native speakers.

Vowels: The vowel sounds are like the pure phonetic sounds that each letter represents, except that a dot under the letter indicates a short sound, for example:

u as in pool

ü " " pull

o " " pole

ø " " Paul

i " " peel

ɪ " " pill

A double letter signifies an extension (of the vowel sound) in time, not a change in sound. Two vowel sounds together show a diphthong.

Consonants: Consonants should present no problems, except for the following whose sounds are approximated to the examples taken from English words:

ch as in church

gw " " language

kw " " question

n " " sing

ny " " the Italian lasagna

th " " think

To Graham Hyslop
HOMBE
 for Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices
 with Alto Solo, a cappella

English Text by L. E.

Kenya (Luo) Folk Song
Arranged by LAZ EKWUEME

(♩ = ca. 60)
mp

ALTO SOLO

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe. Nya thii may wak On-
Hy - e - nas catch a

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diek cha-me, Nya thii ma-ling' On-diek we-ye.
weep-ing child, But an-gels watch the sleep-ing child. Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe.

12 ALTO SOLO

mbe, ho-mbe.

12 SOPRANO

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe. Nya thii may wak On-
Hy - e - nas catch a

ALTO

pp

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

TENOR

pp

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

BASS

pp

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

12 PIANO

(for rehearsal only)

Soprano (S)

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diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On - diek we - ye. Ho - mbe, ho - mbe,
weep-ing child, But an - gels watch the sleep-ing child.

Alto (A)

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe...

Tenor (T)

8 ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe...

Bass (B)

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe...

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ho - mbe, ho -

pianoforte (pp)

Ho-mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho -

pp

Ho-mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho -

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[28] ALTO SOLO

*mp**pp**pp**pp*

S mbe, ho - mbe,

A mbe, ho - mbe,

T mbe, ho - mbe,

B mbe, ho - mbe,

[28]

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, Nya thii may wak On - diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On -

Hy - e - nos catch a weep-ing child, But an - gels watch the

ho - mbe, ho -

ho - mbe, ho -

ho - mbe, ho -

ho - mbe, ho -

[33]

[38]

diek we - ye.
sleep-ing child.

mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe.

mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe.

mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe.

[38]

[42] Poco più mosso

mbe.

[42]

mp

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

mf

Ho - mbe, Nya Hy-

mf

Ho - mbe, ho -

mf

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, Nya thii may wak On-

[42] Poco più mosso

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S ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

A thii may wak On - diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On - diek we - ye.
e - nas catch a weep - ing child, But an - gels watch the sleep - ing child.

T 8 mbe, ho - mbe,

B diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On - diek we - ye, ho - mbe,
weep - ing child, But an - gels watch the sleep - ing child.

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ho - mbe, Nya Hy -

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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thii may wak On - diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On - diek we - ye.
e - nas catch a weep-ing child, But an - gels watch the sleep - ing child.

ho - mbe,
ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,
ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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Ho - mbe,
rit. e dim.

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,
rit. e dim.

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,
rit. e dim.

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

rit.

63 Tempo I

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

63 Tempo I

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

67 ALTO SOLO

mp

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, Nya Hy-

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

A

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

T

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

B

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

67

p

pp

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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thii may wak On - diek cha - me, Nya thii ma - ling' On - diek we - ye.
e - nas catch a weep-ing child, But an - gels watch the sleep-ing child.

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

Ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, *rall.*

ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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ho - mbe, ho - mbe,

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