

## Alto

## The African's Grave

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## CHANT - Unison

Boom - ba-da ma-ding - hyar - da boom - ba-da - ba-yoom. Boom - ba-da ma-ding - hyar - da

## CHANT - part harmony

boom - ba-da - ba-yoom. Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy, Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy,

## CHANT - full harmony

Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy, Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy, Yar - da ba-da ma-ding - hy,

## ONE BLOOD

## HYMN - Unison

Yar da ba-da ma-yoom. One blood, one blood, God hath cre-a - ted

## HYMN - Harmony

of one blood all na-tions, all wo-men, all men. God hath cre-a - ted of one blood all

## HALF CHANT

## VERSE 1

na-tions, all wo-men, all men. You are not so cru-el, not so un - kind,

but you eyes are blinkered, Oh you eyes are blind, I play your games

like a lit-tle black toy, But you don't see me, your lit-tle black boy. Once you

ask a - bout my home, Not once you ask a - bout my land, Not once you ask a - bout my

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**CHANT - full harmony**

name, Not once you ask, Ba ba ba ba Yar da ba-da ma-ding-hy, Yar da

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**ONE BLOOD**

**HYMN - Harmony**

ba-da ma-yoom. One blood, one blood, God hath cre-a - ted of one blood all

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**HALF CHANT**

**VERSE 2**

na-tions, all wo-men, all men, Your white man's clothes, they pinch my skin,

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They catch my breath when I breathe in, With your soles and heels,

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and your buck-les and bows, Can't feel the earth, be-tween my toes. Hear you

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speak, I learn your tongue, Af-ri-can, John, I stand here in white man's

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**CHANT - full harmony**

shoes, They are not my words. Ba ba ba ba Yar da ba-da ma-ding-hy, Yar da

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**ONE BLOOD**

**HYMN - Harmony**

ba-da ma-yoom. One blood, One blood, God hath cre-a - ted of one blood all

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**HALF CHANT**

**VERSE 3**

na-tions, all wo-men, all men. When you lay me down in the cold cold

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ground, Tear off these clothes that bind me down, Tear off these shoes, made me so

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sore, And let me dance, let me dance once more. If you lis-ten where I


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lie, You'll hear my song be - neath the sky, You'll hear my name be - neath the moon,

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**CHANT - full harmony**



You'll hear me dance. Ba ba ba ba Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy, Yar da


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**CHANT - Unison**



ba-da ma-ding - hy, Yar da ba-da ma-ding - hy Boom - ba-da ma-ding - hy yar - da

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boom - ba - da - ba - yoom.