

The African's Grave

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CHANT - Unison

TUNE

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

CHANT - part harmony

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Yar da ba - da ma - ding - hy,

Boom.

Boom.

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Yar da ba - da ma - ding - hy,

Boom.

Yoom - ba - da - ma
Boom. Ba da yar

CHANT - Full harmony

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Yar da ba - da ma - ding - hy,

yoom - ba - da - ma yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma
boom ba - da - yar

Ba da yar

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - ding - hy,
 yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma
 boom ba - da - yar - - - Ba da yar

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - ding - hy,
 yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma
 boom ba - da - yar Ba da yar

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ONE BLOOD

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom. One
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - yoom. One
 yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Boom ba - da - yar, Ba da yar

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blood, One

blood, One

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom ba - da ba da yar.

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HYMN - Unison

blood, God hath cre - a - ted

blood, God hath cre - a - ted

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy ya - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom. God hath cre - a - ted

Boom ba - da, ba da yar. God hath cre - a - ted

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HYMN - Harmony

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

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

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

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

HALF CHANT

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of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da, yar

VERSE 1

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You are not so

You are not so

boom - ba - da - ba yoom. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom.

ba da yar Boom - ba - da yar boom.

34

cru - el, not so un - kind,

cru - el, not so un - kind,

Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da

Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da

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— but your eyes are blink - ered - - - Oh your eyes are

— but your eyes are blink - ered, Oh your eyes are

yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar - yar

yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar,

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blind, I play your games

blind, I play your games

Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da yoom Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da

Ba ba yoom. Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da

43

— like a lit - tle black toy, But you don't see me,

— like a lit - tle black toy, But you don't see me,

yoom - ba da - ba yoom - ba yoom - ba yar Yar - ba -

yoom - ba da - ba yoom - ba yoom - ba yar Yar - ba -

47

— your lit - tle black boy. Not once you ask

— your lit - tle black boy. Once you

-da Yoom - ba yar - ba da. Once you

-da Yoom - ba yar - ba da. Once you

51

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

61

— Not once you ask, Do you feel no shame?
 name, Not once you ask, Ba ba ba ba
 name, Not once you ask, Ba ba ba ba
 name, Not once you ask, Yoom yoom yoom yoom

66

CHANT - full harmony

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - ding - hy,
 Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma
 Boom - - - ba da - yar Ba da yar

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ONE BLOOD

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom. One
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - yoom. - One
 Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Boom - - - ba da - yar Ba da yar

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blood, One

blood, One

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

Boom ba - da ba da yar.

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HYMN - Harmony

blood, God hath cre - a - ted

blood, God hath cre - a - ted

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy ya - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom. God hath cre - a - ted

Boom ba - da ba da yar. God hath cre - a - ted

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HALF CHANT

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da, yar

VERSE 2

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Your white man's
Your white man's
Boom - ba - da ba - yoom. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom.
ba da yar, Boom - ba - da yar boom.

82

clothes, they pinch my - skin,
clothes, they pinch my - skin,
Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da
Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da

85

They catch my breath when I breathe in,
They catch my breath when I breathe in,
yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar - yar Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da
yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar, Ba ba

89

— With your soles and heels, and your buck - les and
 — With your soles and heels, and your buck - les and
 yoom Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da yoom
 yoom. Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da yoom

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bows, Can't feel the earth be - tween my
 bows, Can't feel the earth be - tween my
 yoom - ba yoom - ba yar Yar - ba - da
 yoom - ba yoom - ba yar Yar - ba - da

96

toes. I hear you speak, I learn your tongue,
 toes. Hear you speak, I learn your
 Yoom - ba yar - ba da. Hear you speak I learn your
 Yoom - ba yar - ba da. Hear you speak I learn your

101

— You call me Af-ri-can, You call me John, But as I stand
 tongue, Af-ri-can, John,
 tongue, Af-ri-can, John,
 tongue, Af-ri-can, John,

106

here, in - your white man's shoes, They are not my
 I stand here in white man's shoes,
 I stand here in white man's shoes,
 I stand here in white man's shoes,

110

words, Not the words I use.
 They are not my words. Ba ba ba ba
 They are not my words. Ba ba ba ba
 They are not my words. Yoom yoom yoom yoom

CHANT - full harmony

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - ding - hy,
 Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma
 Boom - - - ba da yar Ba da yar

ONE BLOOD

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Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da ba - yoom. One
 Yar - - - da ba - da ma - yoom. One
 Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da boom - ba - da - ba - yoom.
 Boom - - - ba da yar Ba da yar

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blood, One
 blood, One
 Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom.
 Boom - - - ba - da ba da yar.

HYMN - Harmony

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blood, God hath cre - a - ted

blood, God hath cre - a - ted

Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom - ba - da - ba yoom. God hath cre - a - ted

Boom ba - da, ba da yar. God hath cre - a - ted

HALF CHANT

123

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, all men.

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

of one blood all na - tions, all wo - men, Boom - ba - da, yar

VERSE 3

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When you lay me

When you lay me

boom - ba - da - ba yoom. boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da boom.

ba da yar Boom - ba - da yar boom.

130

down in the cold, cold ground,
 down in the cold, cold ground,
 Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da
 Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da yoom. Yoom - ba, yar - da ba - da

133

— Tear off these clothes that bind me down,
 — Tear off these clothes that bind me down,
 yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar - yar Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da
 yoom. Yoom - ba, yoom - ba, yoom - ba - yar, Ba ba

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— Tear off these shoes, made me so sore,
 — Tear off these shoes, made me so sore,
 yoom Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da yoom yoom - ba yoom - ba
 yoom. Yoom - ba yar - da ba - da yoom yoom - ba yoom - ba

141

And let me dance, let me dance once more.

And let me dance, let me dance once more.

yar Yar - ba - da Yoom - ba yar - ba

yar Yar - ba - da Yoom - ba yar - ba

145

And if you lis - ten where I lie, You'll hear my

If you lis - ten where I lie, You'll

da. If you lis - ten where I lie, You'll

da. If you lis - ten where I lie, You'll

150

song 'neath - the Shrop - shire sky, You'll hear my name

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

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

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

155

— 'neath the Shrop - shire moon, You'll hear me dance

name be - - neath the moon, You'll hear me

name be - - neath the moon, You'll hear me

name be - - neath the moon, You'll hear me

CHANT - full harmony

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— to my fam - 'ly tune. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

dance. Ba ba ba ba Yar - - - da

dance. Ba ba ba ba Yoom - ba da ma ya da

dance. Yoom yoom yoom yoom Boom - - ba da yar

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boom - ba - da - ba yoom. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

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

boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - - da

— Ba da yar Boom - - ba da yar

165

boom - ba - da - ba yoom. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

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

boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma Yoom - ba - da - ma yar - - da

Ba da yar Boom - - ba da yar

CHANT - Unison

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boom - ba - da - ba yoom. Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

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

boom - ba - da - ba yoom - ba - da - ma Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

Ba da yar Boom - ba - da ma - ding - hy yar - da

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boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

boom - ba - da - ba yoom.

boom - ba - da - ba yoom.