

**Caroline's tips:** Africa (by Toto) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most requested song in Rock Choir! It is a hugely iconic track with multiple recognisable riffs that have been distributed across the choir e.g. the opening "ba da da.." The vocal register of the solo line is unusual and potential soloists should focus on the verses but not the chorus allowing the right individual with the right vocal-range to take on the song. CX

Please note: " ~ " = a breath mark.

Underlined lyrics are an alert that a previous note pattern has now changed.



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## Africa

Intro **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~ **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~  
**Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~ **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~

Verse 1 (Solo) I hear the drums ech-o-ing to-night  
But she hears only whis-pers of some qui-et con-ver-sa-tion  
(All) **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
(Solo) She's com-ing in twelve-thir-ty flight  
Her moon-lit wings re-lect the stars that guide me to-wards  
(All) **sal-va-tion ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
(Solo) I stopped an old man a-long the way  
Hop-ing to find some old for-got-ten words or an-cient  
(All) **me-lo-dies ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
(Solo) He turned to me as if to say,  
(All) **"Hur-ry, boy, it's wait-ing there for you....."**

Chorus 1 (All) **It's gon-na take a lot to drag me a-way.... from you.....**  
**There's no-thing that a hun-dred men or more could ev-er do.....**  
**I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....**  
**Gon-na take some time to do the** ~ **things we ne-ver had.....** ~  
**Ooh-oo ba ba ba-ba ba ba .....** ~ **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~

Verse 2 (All) **Ooh....** (Solo) The wild dogs cry out in the night  
As they grow rest-less long-ing for some so-li-tar-y  
(All) **com-pa-ny ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
(Solo) I know that I must do what's right  
Sure as Kil-i-man-ja-ro ri-ses like O-lym-pus a-bove the  
(All) **Se-ren-ge-ti ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
(Solo) I seek to cure what's deep in-side  
(All) **Fright-ened of this thing that I've be-come.....**

Chorus 2 (same as chorus 1) (Chorus)

Bridge Instrumental  
(All) **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba** ~ **Ooh.....**  
**"Hur-ry, boy, she's wait-ing there for you....."**

Chorus 3 (All) **It's gon-na take a lot to drag me a-way.... from you.....**  
**There's no-thing that a hun-dred men or more could ev-er do.....**  
**I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....** ~  
**I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....** ~

Finale (Solo/Sops) **I bless the rains..** (Altos/Bass) **I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....**  
(Solo/Sops) **I..... bless the rains....** (Altos/Bass) **I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....**  
(Solo/Sops) **I..... bless the rains....** (Altos/Bass) **I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....**  
(Solo/Sops) **I..... bless the rains!** (Altos/Bass) **I bless the rains down in A-fri-ca....**  
(All) **Gon-na take some time to do the** ~ **things we ne-ver had.....** ~  
**Ooh-oo ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~ **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~  
**Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~ **Ba-da ba ba ba-ba ba ba.....** ~