

TAKADAMU

(Lead the Way – Swahili)

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

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With a steady pulse (♩ = ca. 96)

PIANO *mf*

5 SOPRANO *mf*
ALTO
TENOR *mf*
BASS

Ta - ka -

8

9 da - mu, ha tu - a m - be - le. Ta - ka -

* Also available for 3-part (23026) and 2-part (23027).
SoundTrax CD available (23028).
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da - mu, ha - tu - a m - be - le. We're

17

lead - ing the way, mov - ing for - ward each day. Ne - nda

21

mo - ja kwa mo - ja, kwa mo - ja. We're mov - ing

25

on. _____

29

mf U - ko

33

kwe - me ba - ra - ba - ra sa - wa. _____ U - ko

mf

mf

37

kwe - nye — ba - ra - ba - ra sa - wa. ————— We'll

41

light - en — your load as we trav - el — this road. Ne - nda

45

mo - ja — kwa mo - ja, — kwa mo - ja. ————— We're mov - ing

49

on. Ha -

53

tu - a baa - da ya ha - tu - a. We're

57

walk - ing we're walk - ing step by step. Ha -

61

tu - a baa - da ya ha - tu - a.

To -

Piano accompaniment for measures 61-64.

65

geth - er, _____ to - geth - er _____ to -

mf To -

Piano accompaniment for measures 65-68.

To - geth - er step by step.

69

geth - er _____ step by step.

mf *f*

geth - er _____ step by step.

Piano accompaniment for measures 69-72.

74 DESCANT *f*

75

Ta - ka - da - mu, _____ m -

S. *f*
A. Ta - ka - da - mu, _____ ha - tu - a _____ m - be - le.

T. *f*
B. _____

78
be - le, _____ ha - tu - a _____ m - be - le.

_____ Ta - ka - da - mu, _____ ha - tu - a _____ m - be - le.

82 (end DESCANT)

83

— We're lead - ing — the way, mov - ing for - ward — each

86

day. Ne - nda mo - ja — kwa mo - ja, — kwa mo - ja. —

90

91

decresc.

We're mov - ing on. —

decresc.

decresc.

95 *mp*
 Ta - ka -

mp

99
 da - mu, ha - tu - a m -
mp
 Ta - ka - da - mu,

103
 be - le.
 ha - tu - a m - be - le.

107

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

mf

Mov

ing

on.

Step by step.

Step by step.

Mov

ing

on.

Mov - ing

mf

cresc.

mf
Step by step.

Step by step.

cresc.

f

115

on.

f

Step

by

step,

by

step.

Swahili Pronunciation Guide and Translation

Syllables in Swahili always end with a vowel, so a word like **nenda** is divided ne-nda. The stress is always on the next to last syllable. Close very quickly and with energy to the “m” sound on **mbele**.

Ta-ka-da-mu,
(*Tah-kah-dah-moo,*)
Lead the way,

ha-tu-a m-be-le.
(*hah-too-ah em-beh-leh.*)
step forward.

Ne-nda mo-ja kwa mo-ja.
(*Nehn-dah moh-jah kwah moh-jah.*)
Go straight ahead.

U-ko kwe-nye ba-ra-ba-ra sa-wa.
(*Oo-koh kwehn-yeh bah-rah-bah-rah sah-wah.*)
You’re on the right road.

Ha-tu-a baa-da ya ha-tu-a.
(*Hah-too-ah bah-dah yah hah-too-ah.*)
Step by step.

