

SHONA MALANGA

for S.S.A. voices, a cappella with optional percussion*

South African Folk Song

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Swing rhythmically (♩ = ca. 138) (♩♩ = $\overset{3}{\text{♩}}$)

SHAKER

SMALL DRUM

LOW DRUM

3 SOPRANO I (sing all 3 times)
mf

Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga, sho -

SOPRANO II (join 2nd time)
mf

Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga, sho -

ALTO (3rd time only)

Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga.

* Background information and Zulu pronunciation/translation guide is on page 12.

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- na! ___ Sho - na, sho -

- na! ___ Sho - na, sho -

Sho-na ma-lan - ga! Sho - na, sho -

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1. 2.

- na ma-lan-ga, sho - na! ___ - na! ___

- na ma-lan-ga, sho - - na! ___

(join) *mf*

- na ma-lan-ga, sho - Sho-na ma-lan - ga!

12 3. 13

- na! _____ Di - ba - na, _____

- na! Se - si - zo. Di - ba - na, _____

- na! _____ Di - ba - na, _____

14 1.

di - ba - na ngo - than do em - hla - be - ni. _____

di - ba - na ngo - than - do em - hla - be - ni. _____

di - ba - na ngo - than - do em - hla - be - ni. Se - si - zo.

2. SMALL GROUP (opt. solo) 18

17 *mf* *f*

Se - si - zo. Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

- ni. Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

- ni. Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

- ni. Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

20 1. 2. (rejoin section)

than - do em - hla - be - ni. - ni.

than - do em - hla - be - ni. - ni.

than - do em - hla - be - ni. - ni.

than - do em - hla - be - ni. Se - si - zo. - ni.

23 *mp*

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, woh. ____

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, woh. ____

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, woh. ____

27 *mf* *cresc.*

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, Sho - *cresc.*

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, Sho - *cresc.*

Oh, woh. ____ Oh, Sho - *cresc.*

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f
- na ma-lan-ga! Sho - na ma-lan - ga!

f
- na ma-lan-ga! Sho - na ma-lan - ga!

f
- na ma-lan-ga! Sho - na ma-lan - ga!

f
sub. p

f
sub. p

f
sub. p

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f
Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga, sho -

f
Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga, sho -

f
Sho - na, sho - na ma-lan-ga.

f

f

f

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- na! Sho - na, sho -

- na! Sho - na, sho -

Sho-na ma-lan - ga! Sho - na, sho -

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- na ma - lan - ga, sho - na!

- na ma - lan - ga, sho - na! Se - si - zo.

- na ma - lan - ga, sho - na!

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Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

43 SMALL GROUP (opt. solo)

f
Se - si - zo

than - do em - hla - be - ni. ____

than - do em - hla - be - ni. ____

than - do em - hla - be - ni. ____

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

Di - ba - na, di - ba - na ngo -

than - do em - hla - be - ni. Sho - *p*

than - do em - hla - be - ni. Sho - *p*

than - do em - hla - be - ni. Sho - *p*

than - do em - hla - be - ni. Sho - *p*

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mp *mf*
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na! Sho -
mp *mf*
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na ma - lan - ga! Sho -
mp *mf*
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na ma - lan - ga! Sho -
mp *mf*
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na ma - lan - ga! Sho -
p *mp*
p *mp*
mp *mf*

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f
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na!
f
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na!
f
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na!
f
 - na ma - lan - ga! Sho - na!
mf *f* *ff*
mf *f* *ff*
f *ff*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

“Shona Malanga” was originally sung by South African domestic workers to express their feelings about working conditions and the need for a day off. As the resistance to apartheid grew, the song evolved into a protest song. It came to be known as a symbol of resistance and a powerful anthem for solidarity among Black communities.

Part of the broader tradition of freedom songs, “Shona Malanga” demonstrates the pivotal role of music in expressing the need for change and fueling social movements. These songs remain a vital part of South Africa’s political culture, being sung at worker meetings as well as during demonstrations and protests.

After apartheid ended, people began to replace the original phrase “ngebhazuka ehlathini” with “ngothando emhlabeni,” reflecting a less violent and revolutionary sentiment.

ZULU PRONUNCIATION & TRANSLATION

Shona malanga

shoh-nah mah-lahn-gah

(as the sun sets or the days shorten)

Sesizo

seh-see-zoh

(we will meet again)

Dibana ngothando emhlabeni

dee-bah-nah ngoh-tahn-doh ehm-hlah-beh-nee

(united by love)