

Concert CANONS

Eight Performance-Worthy Rounds

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1. BANAHA

Congolese Folk Song

Arranged by RUTH MORRIS GRAY

Rhythmic and fun! (♩ = ca. 126)

PIANO

ad lib percussion throughout

5 ALL VOICES (unison)
mp

Si - si, si - si do - la - da, Ya - ku si - ne la - du ba - na - ha.

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Si - si, si - si do - la - da, Ya - ku si - ne la - du ba - na - ha. Ba - na -

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ha, ba - na - ha, Ya - ku si - ne la - du ba - na - ha. Ba - na -

KILUBA PRONUNCIATION:

See-see, see-see doh-lah-dah, Yah-koo see-neh lah-doo bah-nah-hah.

TRANSLATION: At the foot of the pineapple tree, Yaku ladles a banana in his aunt's red hat.

4. FRIENDSHIP CANON

Words and Music by
MARK BURROWS

Heartfelt, gently (♩ = ca. 104)

PIANO

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of four measures. The right hand plays a melody starting on F#4, moving up stepwise to A4, then a half note G#4, and finally a quarter note F#4. The left hand plays a bass line starting on D3, moving up stepwise to F#3, then a half note E3, and finally a quarter note D3. The dynamic is marked *mp*.

5 ALL VOICES (*unison*)

mp

The vocal entry is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of four measures. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (half). The lyrics are: Ca - ra, a - mi - go, fi - los, ra - fi - ki. The piano accompaniment continues from the introduction.

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The vocal continuation is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of four measures. The melody is: G#4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). The lyrics are: Droog, to - mo - da - chi, u - na - li, cha - ver. The piano accompaniment continues.

“Friend” in many languages:

Irish: cara (*KAH-rah*)
 Spanish: amigo (*ah-MEE-goh*)
 Greek: filos (*FEE-lohs*)
 Swahili: rafiki (*rah-FEE-kee*)
 Russian: droog (*DROOK*)
 Japanese: tomodachi (*toh-moh-DAH-chee*)
 Cherokee: unali (*oo-NAH-lee*)
 Hebrew: chaver (*khah-VEHR*)

Hindi: dost (*DOHST*)
 German: Freund (*FROYND*)
 Korean: chingu (*CHEENG-goo*)
 Arabic: sadiqi (*sah-DEE-kee*)
 Yoruba: ore (*OH-reh*)
 Maori: hoa (*HOH-ah*)
 Chichewa: bwenzi (*BWEHN-zee*)
 Danish: ven (*VEHN*)