

Jambo bwana

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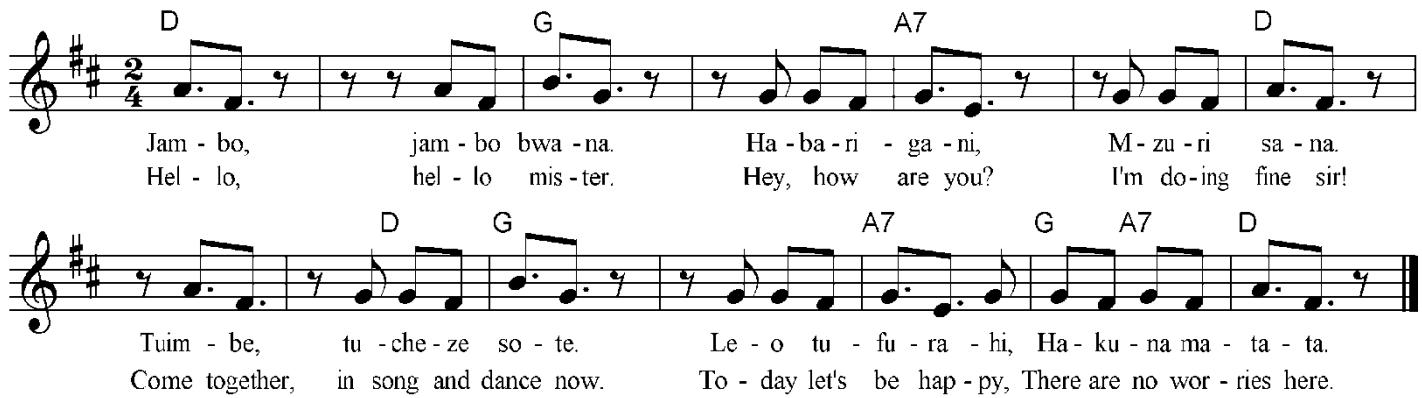
A cheerful song from East Africa. 'Jambo bwana' is a popular song written to welcome tourists to Kenya, it is sung in Swahili.



The adaptation here is a 'getting to know you' partner game.

The word for 'hello' 'Jambo' is only used to greet visitors. Teach children other Swahili words; asante / thank you, kwahari/ goodbye, baadaye / see you later.

Children walk around the room waving at each other. They find a partner and give high fives with both hands. On 'come together' partners join with a second pair and walk left then right. They then drop hands ready to begin again.



Music notation for 'Jambo bwana' in 2/4 time, key of D. Chords: D, G, A7, D.

Lyrics:

Jam - bo, jam - bo bwa - na. Ha - ba - ri - ga - ni, M - zu - ri sa - na.
Hel - lo, hel - lo mis - ter. Hey, how are you? I'm do - ing fine sir!

Tuim - be, tu - che - ze so - te. Le - o tu - fu - ra - hi, Ha - ku - na ma - ta - ta.
Come together, in song and dance now. To - day let's be hap - py, There are no wor - ries here.



Jambo, Jambo bwana,
Habari gani, mzuri sana,
Tuimbe, tuchezé soté,
Leo tufurahi, hakuna matata.

Hello, hello mister,
Hey, how are you? I'm doing fine, sir!
Come together, in song and dance now,
Today let's be happy, There are no worries here.

