

# Jambo, Rafiki!

(Hello, My Friend!)

Two-part with Descant *a cappella* and Percussion\*

Words and Music by  
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**(1) With excitement! (♩ = ca. 104-108)**

Gankogui *play second time only*  
**mp**

Shaker *play second time only*  
**mp**

Hand Drum **mp**

Djembe **mp**

*Percussion pattern continues throughout*

Optional Solo or Small Group

**mp**

5 Jam - bo, jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki!

9 Jam - bo, jam - bo, im - ba na - si!

*(solo ends)*

### Swahili Text Pronunciation and Translation

Jambo rafiki!  
*jahm-boh rah-fee-kee*  
Hello, my friend!

Imba nasi.  
*eem-bah nah-see*  
Sing with us.

Nafsi yako furaha.  
*nahf-see yah-koh foo-rah-ha*  
Let your soul rejoice.

Performance time: ca. 2:00

\*Also available: Three-part Mixed (CGE421); Performance/Accompaniment CD (CGECD171).  
Percussion part is on page 8.

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*mp*

I Jam - bo, jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki! Jam - bo, jam -

II Jam - bo, jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki! Jam - bo, jam -

(2)

I - bo, im - ba na - si! Naf -

II - bo, im - ba na - si! Naf - si ya - ko,

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I - si ya - ko, naf - si ya - ko fu - ra - ha, jam -

II fu - ra - ha, jam -

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I bo! Naf - si ya - ko,

II bo! Naf - si ya - ko,

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I naf - su ya - ko fu - ra - ha, jam - bo!

II fu - ra - ha, jam - bo! Jam - bo, jam -



I 63 - si ya - ko, naf - si ya - ko fu - ra - ha, jam - bo!

II fu - ra - ha, jam - bo!

I 69 (5) *mf* (sing second time only)  
Jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki!

II *mp - mf*  
Jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki!

I 73 Jam - bo im - ba na - si!

II Jam - bo im - ba na - si!

I 77 Descant *mf*  
Jam - bo. jam - bo ra - fi - ki!

II Jam - bo, jam - bo ra - fi - ki!