

THE PEACE CHILD CHRISTMAS SONG WORDS 2018

NAME..... CLASS

1. COME TO THE RIVER

Deep in the heart of our land and its rhythm,
There's a hostility running through.
Dark are the waters of this raging river,
Tearing the song of our land in two.

Come _____ to the edge of the river
Come _____ see the things we do.
Come _____ to our people and listen.
We have a message to share with you.

Here in a land full of tribal traditions,
What we believe makes us who we are.
We have the dancers, the drums and musicians,
Keeping the rhythm of Mambica.

Chorus

Sing from the start as a 2-part round
(NB No 2 bar break after chorus)

2. HAIY-A! U-TOMBYA! *(In Praise of Sunrise)*

Haiya _____! U-tombya ___!
Haiya _____! U-tombya ___!
Haiya _____! U-tombya ___!
M-bunna mndi-o _____,
M-bunna mndi-o _____.

Haiya! U-tombya, u-tombya, n-day-yoo
Haiya! U-tombya, u-tombya, n-day-yoo
(Repeat)

Haiya tomba ki-ta, Haiya tomba ki-ta,
Haiya tomba ki-ta, Haiya bn-daiy-yah!
(Repeat)

U-tombya, u-tombya, u-tombya, n-day-yoo,
U-tombya, u-tombya, u-tombya, n-day-yoo.
(Repeat)

Haiya tomba ki-ta, Haiya tomba ki-ta,
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U-tombya, u-tombya, u-tombya, n-day-yoo.
(Repeat)

Haiya _____! U-tombya _____!
Haiya _____! U-tombya _____!
Haiya _____! U-tombya _____!
M-bunna mndi-o _____,
M-bunna mndi-o _____.

3. RIVAL TRIBAL SONG

Wannakikis

Wanna-wanna-ki-ki, livin' free 'n' easy,
Underneath the trees in Mambica.
Never in a hurry, haven't got a worry,
Hanging out together in Mambica.

You're So-tongi-tongi, work too longi, longi,
You're completely wrongi
Thinking that you're better than everyone!

Sotongis

Wanna-wanna-ki-ki, always half a-sleepy,
Underneath the trees in Mambica,
All of you are lazy, we are going crazy
Having you as neighbours in Mambica!

Oh, So-tongi-tongi, we're more strongi, strongi,
Live, so old and longi,
Working for a future for everyone.

Repeat song as a 2-part round, Wannakikis start first

Last line: **Hanging out together in Mambica!**

4. SOTONGI STRUT (Sotongis only)

Tribal leaders

1. Welcome to our tribe, to our way of life.
We are proud to be mighty Sotongis!
Welcome to our tribe, to our way of life.
We are proud to be mighty Sotongis!
Sotongi children repeat verse 1

1 Stronger than buffalo

2 Faster than antelope

(Both) Fiercer than tigers, we're hunters of pride!

1 Brave as the lion king,

2 Smarter than anything,

(Both) We're the superior Sotongi tribe!

Tribal leaders

2. If you want the best, put us to the test.
We are all you need, we're the Sotongis!
If you want the best, put us to the test.

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We are all you need, we're the Sotongis!
Sotongi children repeat verse 2

CHORUS Stronger than buffalo ...

All
Welcome to our tribe, to our way of life.
We are proud to be mighty Sotongis!
Welcome to our tribe, to our way of life.
We are proud to be mighty Sotongis!
Sotongis! Sotongis!

5. A LIGHT HAS COME (A Child is Born)

With the morning sun a new life has come,
Everybody listen.
Spread the word about, get the message out,
For a son is given.

***Let everybody celebrate this day,
A light has come, a child is born.
Let everybody bring a song of praise,
A child is born, today.***

With the talking drum, music has begun,
Everybody listen.
With a tribal shout, get the message out,
For a son is given

Let everybody celebrate this day...

Repeat verse 1, chorus, and verse 2

***Let everybody celebrate this day,
A light has come, a child is born.***

***Let everybody bring a song of praise,
A child is born.
Let everybody celebrate this day,
A light has come, a child is born.
Let everybody bring a song of praise,
A child is born, today!***

6. MY LIFE, MY LOVE

My life, my love, my only son,
The time has come for our goodbye.
I've cried, I've prayed to find a way,
But now I make this sacrifice.

***Peace Child, listen, love is given.
Here is the promise of life to come.
Peace Child, listen, bring us freedom.
You are the promise, my chosen one.***

My joy, my song, my precious one,
The time has come for our goodbye.
I give you now, and pray somehow
That you would know a love like mine.

CHORUS

Instrumental

CHORUS

7. I AM YOUR CHILD

(Solo)
I am your child,
Wherever you go, you take me too.
Whatever I know, I learn from you.
Whatever I do, you taught me to do.
I am your child
(All)
And I am your chance,
Whatever will come, will come from me.
Tomorrow is won by winning me.
Whatever I am, you taught me to be.
I am your hope,
I am your chance,
I am your child.

Whatever I am, you taught me to be.
I am your hope,
I am your chance,
I am your child.

8. PEACE CHILD

***Celebrate the Peace Child
Everyone join in now,
With a song of freedom,
For the gift of love that's given.
Peace Child,
Everyone join in now,
With a song of freedom,
For the gift of love that's given, now.***

He is the Peace Child, given to us,
Hope for the future, healing the past.
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CHORUS

No more hostility, he's changing history!
We have a chance to be united together.
Sing out for liberty, sing out in harmony!
A song of unity we shout aloud!

CHORUS

Split into 2 groups to repeat Verse 1 and Chorus together

Split into 3 groups to repeat Verse 1, Verse 2 and Chorus together

CHORUS

Last line: ***For the gift of love that's given,
PEACE CHILD!***

10. LET ALL THE EARTH REJOICE

***Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice,
Let all the earth rejoice.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice,
Let all the earth rejoice. (x2)***

This is the season when we remember
The light of heaven to earth come down
Jesus was born early on that morn
The king of all creation.

Chorus x1

The sky was filled with angels rejoicing
Come let His praises resound again
From shore to shore let all the earth adore
The king of all creation.

Chorus x2

11. BECAUSE IT'S CHRISTMAS

Tonight the stars shine for the children
And light the way for dreams to fly.
Tonight our love comes wrapped in ribbons,
The world is right and hopes are high.
And from a dark and frosted window
A child appears to search the sky
Because it's Christmas, because it's Christmas.

***Tonight belongs to all the children, tonight
their joy rings through the air
And so we send our tender blessings to all the
children everywhere
To see the smiles and hear the laughter,
A time to give, a time to share.***

Because it's Christmas for now and forever
For all of the children and for the children in us
all

***Tonight belongs to all the children, tonight our
joy rings through the air
And so we send our tender blessings to all the
children everywhere
To see the smiles and hear the laughter,
A time to give, a time to share.***

Because it's Christmas for now and forever
For all of the children and for the chil____dren
in us all

12. ALL AROUND THE WORLD

**All around the world, all around the world
People are celebrating Christmas,
People are giving thanks to God.
All around the world, all around the world
People are celebrating Christmas all around the
world.**

From the United Kingdom to Australia,
To the shores of Brazil.
From the land of China to South Africa,
To the streets of Seville.
All over the USA, Philadelphia to LA,
Every nation, every tribe and tongue
Come give Him praise.

All around the world ...

From the Middle East to Indonesia,
To the shores of Japan.
From Columbia to Scandinavia,
To the streets of Sudan.
All over the world today
People celebrate this special day.
Every nation, every tribe and tongue
Come give Him praise.

All around the world ...

Celebrate!

Lift your hearts and sing as one *(solo)*

Celebrate!

Every nation, every tongue *(solo)*

**The coming of the Holy One, all around the world.
(repeat)**

(Solos)

(All sing)

Let the people rejoice (All around the world)
Every tribe every tongue (All around the world)
From the north to the south (All around the world)
From the east to the west (All around the world)
Bringing peace and goodwill (All around the world)
Let the people rejoice (All around the world)
Every tribe every tongue (All around the world)