

SCENE 1

A waterhole - almost dried up - on the African savannah at sunrise. Nearby a small platform, awning and sign that reads "Polling Station"

HUMBU

(to the audience)

Humbu $\text{♩} = 100$ HUMBU the tortoise shuffles on. Turned out

Pno. $\text{♩} = 100$ *p*

Humbu **6** HUMBU sees the platform, awning and signs.
nice a-gain, has-n't it?

Pno. *mp*

Humbu **11** I won - der who will win... this race?!

Pno. *mf p*

Pno. **15** *mp*

SONG: "Bring Us Rain"

19 **Fast** ♩ = 140 (off-stage right) **CHORUS 1*** *pp*

Chorus 1 U - ta - ta! U - ta - ta!

sim. accents

Pno. *p marcato*

23

Chorus 1 Fa - ther!

All

Chorus 2 (off-stage left) **CHORUS 2*** *pp*

I - lan - ga! I - lan - ga!

Pno.

27 **CHORUS 1**

Chorus 1 U - ma - ma! U - ma - ma!

All

Chorus 2 Sun!

Pno.

*Tenors and basses 8vb unless otherwise indicated

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(the Choruses of animals start to move onto to the stage)

Chorus 1
Mo - ther!

All

Chorus 2
CHORUS 2
Ih - la - ba - thi! Ih - la - ba - thi!

Pno.

35

CHORUS 2

TUTTI

S
Earth! U -

A
CHORUS 2
TUTTI
cresc. poco a poco
Earth! U - ta - ta! U - ta - ta!

T
B
CHORUS 2
TUTTI
cresc. poco a poco
Earth! U - ta - ta

Pno.
cresc. poco a poco

39 *cresc. poco a poco*

S ta - ta! U - ta - ta! Fa - ther! I -

A Fa - ther! I - lan - ga! I - lan - ga!

T Fa - ther Fa - ther! I - lan - ga!

B Fa - ther I - lan - ga!

Pno.

43

S lan - ga! I - lan - ga! Sun! U -

A Sun! U - ma - ma! U - ma - ma!

T Sun! U - ma - ma

B Sun! U - ma - ma

Pno. *sempre cresc.*

47

S
ma - ma! U - ma - ma! Mo - ther! _____ Ih - la -

A
Mo - ther! _____ Ih - la - ba - thi! Ih - la - ba - thi!

T
Mo - ther _____ Mo - ther! Ih - la - ba - thi!

B
Mo - ther _____ Mo - ther! Ih - la - ba - thi!

Pno.
Piano accompaniment with chords and arpeggiated patterns.

51

S
ba - thi! Ih - la - ba - thi! *f* Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

A
Earth! _____ *f* Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

T
Earth! _____ Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

B
Earth! _____ Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

Pno.
Piano accompaniment with chords and arpeggiated patterns, including a *ff* dynamic marking.

55

S
A

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na

T
B

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na

Pno.

59

S
A

i - vu - la! We need rain!

T
B

i - vu - la! We need rain!

Pno.

61

S
A

ff Ne - tha! Wa - ter!

T
B

ff Ne - tha! Wa - ter!

Pno.

ff

64

S A

Mi moy - a! Mi - moy - a!

Mi - moy - a! Mi - moy - a!

T B

Mi-moy - a! Mi-moy - a!

Mi - moy - a! Mi-moy - a!

Pno.

cresc. poco a poco

67

SOLO 1

Solo 1

Spir - its! N-ce - da N-ce - da

Spir - its! N - ce - da! N - ce - da

Spir - its! N-ce - da N-ce - da

Spir - its! N - ce - da! N-ce-da! N - ce - da! N-ce-da! N-

Pno.

71 SOLO 2

Solo 2

Si-fu-na i-vu - la!

Help! Si - kha - la! Si - kha - la!

Help! *sempre cresc.* Si - kha - la! Si - kha - la! We

Help! *sempre cresc.* Si - kha - la! Si - kha - la! We

Help! Si - kha - la! Si - kha - la! kha - la! Si - kha - la! We

Pno. *sempre cresc.*

75 SOLOS 1 & 2

Solos 1&2

Bring us__ rain!

Si - than - da - za! Si - than - da - za!

cry out! Si - than - da - za! Si - than - da - za!

Si - than - da - za! Si - than - da - za!

cry out! Si - than - da - za! Si - than - da - za!

Pno.

79

S
A

Hear our prayer. *f* Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us

T
B

Hear our prayer. *f* Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us

Pno.

82

S
A

rain! Si - fu - na i - vu - la! We need rain! Se - la

T
B

rain! Si - fu - na i - vu - la! We need rain! Se - la

Pno.

85

S
A

i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na i - vu - la! We need

T
B

i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na i - vu - la! We need

Pno.

88

SOLO 1

Solo 1 U - ta - ta! U - ta - ta! Fa - ther!_____

SOLO 2

Solo 2 U - ta - ta! U - ta - ta! Fa - ther!_____

S
A
rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need

T
B
rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need

Pno. Percussion only

92

Solo 1 Se - la i - vu - la! U - ma - ma! U - ma - ma! Mo - ther!_____

Solo 2 U - ma - ma! U - ma - ma! Mo - ther!_____

S
A
rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need

T
B
rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need

96

Solo 1
Si - fu - na i - vu - la! Ah

Solo 2
Ah

S
A
rain! Im - mi - moy - a Im - mi - moy - a I - qum - bi -

T
B
rain! Im - mi - moy - a Im - mi - moy - a I - qum - bi -

99

Solo 1
The spir - its are ang - ry. Ah

Solo 2
The spir - its are ang - ry. Ah

S
A
le - o___ Ku - fu - ne - ka, sen - ze n - to - ni? What

T
B
le - o___ Ku - fu - ne - ka, sen - ze n - to - ni? What

103

Solo 1

Solo 2

S
A

T
B

Pno.

What must we do? —

What must we do? —

must we do? — *f* Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na

must we do? — *f* Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si-fu-na

mp *ff*

107

S
A

T
B

Pno.

ff U - ta - ta!

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se - la i - vu - la! Bring us

110

S
A

T
B

Pno.

U - ma - ma!

rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need rain! Ne - tha! —

rain! Si-fu-na i - vu - la! We need rain! Ne - tha! —

ff *ff* *ff*

114

S
A

Wa - ter! I - qha - we! I - qha - we! Um-sin-

T
B

Wa - ter! I - qha - we! I - qha - we! Um-sin-

Pno.

119

Solos 1&2 *ff*

SOLOS *ff*

Si-fu-na i - vu - la! Bring us rain!

S
A

di - si! Bring us rain!

T
B

di - si! Bring us rain!

Pno.

mp *f* *ff*

& 2 . 1

123

BELLO the meerkat scuttles on, inspecting the scene

BELLO sniffs up at the sky

HOBO and his hippos waddle on

Pno.

pp *legere* *tr* *mp*

♩ = 120

130 HOBO wipes his brow The other MEERKATS swarm around BELLO

Pno.

135

Bello

MEERKATS

BELLO

Sun-shine, sun-shine and more sun-shine. Not a

Meer-kats

What's the fore-cast, Mis-ter Bel-lo?

Pno.

139

Bello

cloud in the sky. Turn-out should be ex-cel-lent.

HOBO

So, the mud cri-sis

Pno.

143

Hobo

car-ries on. But fear not! Ho-bo the hip-po will save the day!

Pno.

148 The other HIPPOS, nodding sagely Journalists KIPLING the hornbill and DIKELEDI the drongo flutter on.

Hippos *p*
Ho-bo will save us!

Pno. *mf*

153 **KIPLING**

Kip. No rain, high temp - 'ra - tures. The sum - mer of dis - con - tent con - ti - nues...

Pno. *mp*

156 **KIPLING**

Kip. *f* re - vo - lu - tion! Great head - line girl. Roll the

Dik. **DIKELEDI** *f* Stir - ring ci - vil un - rest and threa - ten - ing re - vo - lu - tion!

Pno. *mp*

159

Kip. press - es! As re - por - ters, we love BAD news!

Pno.

163 **BELLO** *mf* (increasingly excited) *mp*

Bello Well, I have some GOOD news. An e - lec - tion! We're e - lec - ting a King to sort

Pno. *p*

168 *cresc.* *f*

Bello out this mess, to fill up the wa - ter - hole and ba - nish drought and di - stress. The

Pno. *cresc.*

171

Bello can - di - dates are ga - ther - ing, vo - ters are as - sem - bl - ing. Come on, — let's choose our

Meer - kats *mp* **MEERKATS**

De - mo - cra - cy, de - mo - cra - cy.

Pno.

174

Bello King! Ma - ni - fe - stoes, all the can - vass - ing, the

All ANIMALS

S A De - mo - cra - cy, de - mo - cra -

All T B De - mo - cra - cy, de - mo - cra -

Pno.

176

Bello pled - ges, it's all hap - pen - ing! De - mo - cra - cy in full swing!

S A cy, de - mo - cra - cy.

All T B cy, de - mo - cra - cy.

Pno.

rall. Fast and lively ♩ = 140

rall. Fast and lively ♩ = 140

179 A herd of ZEBRAS canter on *f* NDANGA the zebra

Ndanga

ZEBRAS* *f* (whinnying excitedly) A new hoof for the fu - ture!

N - dan - ga! N - dan - ga! N - dan - ga! N - dan - ga!

Pno. *mp*

183 A little slower

Ndanga

Vote for__ N - dan - ga!

Kip. KIPLING (to DIK.)

DIKELEDI *f* (excited) Emp - ty rhe - to - ric! Our jour - na - li - sm

Dik. Woo - hoo!

A little slower

Pno. *p*

186 Grandly ceremoniously, pointing *f* BELLO to the waterhole *rall.*

Bello Dear a - ni - mals! What's wrong with this pic - ture?

Kip. must main - tain at all times an air of cy - ni - ci - sm!

Grandly *fp* *fp* *rall.*

Pno.

*Tenors and basses 8vb unless otherwise indicated

SONG: "Democracy!"

191 Tempo I (♩ = 140)

Bello *mf* BELLO
We need a__ so-lu-tion We need us_ a lea-der

S A *mf* ALL ANIMALS
We don't have_long! Who's

All *mf*
We don't have_long! Who's

T B
We don't have_long! Who's

Pno. *p* *mf*

195

Bello
A King with the vi-sion And how will we get it?

S A
bold and_strong! To set us__ free! De-

All
bold and_strong! To set us__ free! De-

T B
bold and_strong! To set us__ free! De-

Pno.

199

Bello *f*
Say what?! Once more! Be-cause we need a__ so-lu-tion

S A *f*
mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra cy! We need a__ so-lu-tion, we

All *f*
mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra cy! We need a__ so-lu-tion, we

T B *f*
mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra - cy De - mo-cra cy! We need a__ so-lu-tion, we

Pno. *f*

203

S
A
All
T
B
Pno.

don't have_ long! We need us__ a lea-der who's bold and_ strong! A King with the vi-sion To

don't have_ long! We need us__ a lea-der who's bold and_ strong! A King with the vi-sion To

207

S
A
All
T
B
Pno.

set us__ free! And how will_ we get it? De - mo - cra - cy!

set us__ free! And how will_ we get it? De - mo - cra - cy!

A LION roars in the distance. **A little slower, ♩ = 130**
The ANIMALS tremble.

A little slower, ♩ = 130

sf

g[♭]

212

(breaking the tension)

Bello

So...! *mp* Our first can - di-date will ad-dress us. Here's Ho-bo__ the hip - po,

Pno.

p marcato

216 *rall.* A bit slower ♩ = 110

Bello

slow but sure.

Hobo

HOBO

mf

No

Pno.

mf

HOBO waddles up to the platform with attempted gravitas, to encouragement from his fellow HIPPOS.

221

Hobo

good for your health when your hide dries out. Gives you a bunch to bel-low a-bout. If

Pno.

p

225

Hobo

you want to wal-low, it's me you should fol-low; Vote for the Hip-po with a heart!

S

A

Hippos

p HIPPOS

Ooh

mf

Vote!

T

B

p

Ooh

mf

Vote!

Pno.

mp

accel.

Tempo I ♩ = 140

229

BELLO *mf*

Bello

Ho - bo's the Hip po So vote for_ the Hip-po

mf ALL ANIMALS

S
A

with a__ Heart! with a__ Heart!

T
B

with a__ Heart! with a__ Heart!

Tempo I ♩ = 140

Pno.

mf *sf*

A little slower ♩ = 130

233

Another LION roar,
a little closer this time.

Bello

O- kay... Now wel - come N - dan - ga the

mp

Pno.

p marcato

(8)

237

Bello

zeb - ra.

mf NDANGA

Ndanga

A brain is what's re-quired. In-tel-

mf ZEBRAS

Zebras

N - dan - ga!_ N dan - ga! N - dan - ga!_ N - dan - ga!

Pno.

mp

241

Ndanga *mp* lect is___ de-sired. The facts are_ plain and the stats are clear: De - hy - dra-tion is what we fear! This *mf*

Pno. *p*

246

Ndanga hip - po's lo - gic is hol - low._____ I'm the one you need to fol - low._____

Zebras *mf* N-dan-ga! N-dan-ga!

Pno.

250

Bello *mf* BELLO N - dan - ga's_ the Ze - bra

Ndanga *f* Vote for the Ze - bra with a Plan!

Zebras *f* Vote! N - dan - ga! N - dan - ga's_ the Ze - bra

Pno. *mf*

253

Bello

Dik.

Zebras

S
A

All

T
B

Pno.

So vote for__ the Ze-bra

mp DIKELEDI (to KIPLING)

But what are they ac - tual - ly

So vote for__ the Ze-bra

mf ALL ANIMALS

With a__ plan!

With a__ plan!

With a__ plan!

With a__ plan!

257

Kip.

Dik.

S
A

All

T
B

Pno.

Do? Po - li - ti - cians don't DO a - ny - thing! Each

going to do?

(All ANIMALS) *pp*

Ho - bo,__ N-dan - ga.

Ho - bo,__ N-dan - ga.

261

Kip. pro-mise, each dream, Not quite what they seem. It's

S A *mp* oo Ho - bo, N-dan-ga. *mf* oo Ho - bo, N-dan-ga.

T B *mp* oo Ho - bo, N-dan-ga. *mf* oo Ho - bo, N-dan-ga.

Pno. *cresc.* *mf*

265

Kip. all one big game, And they're all the same!

S A *f* oo Ho - bo, N-dan-ga.

T B *f* Ho - bo, N-dan-ga.

Pno. *f* *ff pesante*

Slow ♩ = 105 Enter TAU the Lion, roaring

Slow ♩ = 105

270

Tau *mf* Hip-pos with Hearts? Ze-bras with Plans? Just for-get these al - so - rans... *rall.*

Pno. *mp*

SONG: "Wear the Crown"

275

p Tempo I ♩ = 105

Tau

"Na - ture's red in tooth and claw" A cli - ché that you can't ig - nore.

Pno. *p sempre, legato*

281

mp

(The 4 LIONESSES prowl on)

Tau

It would take a mo - nu - men - tal fool to de - ny this King was de - stined to rule.

Pno.

285

rall. *A tempo*

(to the LIONESSES)

p (to the ANIMALS)

Tau

Ah! Wel - come, ha - rem... Just for - get these bits of fluff, 'cos on - ly I am

Pno. *rall.* *A tempo*

290

Tau

good e - nough. I am Tau the Li - on, and I should wear the crown.

Pno.

296

LIONESSES

mp

Lionesses

Ma-ny cen-tu-ries of no - ble__breed-ing have en-sured, that when it comes to__ feed-ing,

Pno. *mp*

300

TAU

mp

Tau

Vo - ting for my foes in-stead would turn the food-chain on its head.

p

Lionesses

he's the tops. Aah_____ Aah_____

Pno. *p*

poco accel. . . . Poco più mosso

(turning on the charm)

307

mf

Tau

I am Tau the Li - on_____and I should wear the crown._____ Each de - li - cious

mf

Lionesses

Aah_____

poco accel. Poco più mosso

Pno. *mf dolce*

(whispered, aside, to the LIONESSES)

312

Tau *pp*
 beast: I real-ly can-not wait to meet you! La-dies, let's

Pno. *pp*

316

mf (to the ANIMALS)

Tau *mf*
 feast... Let us come a-mong you and greet you. From the west to the

Pno. *mf*

320

p (aside, to the ZEBRAS)

Tau *p*
 east, as e - quals I shall treat you. E - spe-cia-lly when I want to eat you...!

Zebbras [ZEBRAS]
 [GASP.....!]

Pno. *p*

325

rall. . . . *P* A tempo

Tau *p*
 Just jo-king; I pos-sess such wit, you see. Life will be fun if you vote for me!

Pno. *p*

LIONESSES / ANIMALS

332

Tenor 8vb *mf*

S
All
A

Whom to vote for? Who will bring us some rain? Quench our thirst and fill the wa-ter-hole a-gain?

Bass 8vb *mp*

A

Ne - - - tha, Wa - - - ter.

Pno. *mp*

336

TAU

Tau *f*

All you have to do is spurn the o-thers, call their bluff. On - ly I am

S *mf*

A *mf*

All Si - - - fu - na i - vu - la. Se - la i -

T *mf*

B Si - - - fu - na i - vu - la. Se - la i -

Pno. *mf* *ff* *mf*

341

Tau *mp*

good e-nough. I am Tau the Li - on and I will wear the crown.

S

A

All vu - la Ne - tha, wa - ter.

T

B vu - la Ne - tha, wa - ter.

Pno. *ff* *mf* *p*

347 *A bit faster* ♩ = 105 *rall.*

mp BELLO

Bello (KONI the rhino has been watching all of this...) There you have it. The vote will now take place. We'll pro-ceed by a show of paws.

p KONI

Koni Oh dear....

A bit faster ♩ = 105 *rall.*

Pno. *p*

353 *A tempo*

Tenor 8vb *mf* HOB0 steps up and presents himself. Two or three hippos vote for him

S I - qha - we_ I - qha - we_ Ho - bo?

All I - qha - we_ I - qha - we_ Ho - bo?

Bass 8vb *mf*

A Is our_ he-ro who will bring forth a foun-tain Ho - bo?

A tempo

Pno. *mp*

358 *mp* BELLO adds up and takes notes. *p* HOB0 stomps off, embarrassed. *pp* NDANGA steps forward.

S Ho bo May-be not May-be not Poor Ho - bo

All Ho bo May-be not May-be not Poor Ho - bo

T Ho bo May-be not May-be not Poor Ho - bo

B Ho bo May-be not May-be not Poor Ho - bo

Pno. *mf* *mp*

363 Tenor 8vb *mf* The ZEBRAS raise their hooves. TAU grows.

S
Um-sin - di - si Um - sin - di - si N - dan - ga? N-dan - ga?

All
Bass 8vb *mf*
Is our re-deem-er who will free us from drought N - dan - ga? N-dan - ga?

A
Pno.

368 The ZEBRAS quickly lower their hooves. *p* NDANGA goes off in shame. TAU struts up pompously.

S
Bet-ter not. We're sor - ry, N - dan - ga. We'll vote for Tau.

All
p Bet-ter not. We're sor - ry, N - dan - ga. We'll vote for Tau.

T
B
Bet-ter not. We're sor - ry, N - dan - ga. We'll vote for Tau.

Pno.

373 EVERYBODY votes for TAU. **Faster** ♩ = 120 BELLO throws away his papers and nervously approaches TAU

S
We don't want to end up as chow._

All
We don't want to end up as chow._

T
B
We don't want to end up as chow._

Pno.

378

Tenor 8vb *f*

S I - qha - we! I - qha - we!

All

A Bass 8vb *f*

I - qha - we! I - qha - we!

Pno. *p* *f*

BELLO raises TAU's paw in victory.

383

TAU *mf*

Tau The pub-lic has spo-ken; hum-bly I ac-cept!

S *p* *f*

All Aah Um-sin-di - si!

A *p* *f*

Aah Um-sin - di - si! Um-sin-

Pno. *p* *f*

387

TAU *mf*

I will come back la-ter with my ma-ni-fe-sto_ for_ ac-tion, but

S *p*
Um-sin-di - si! Aah

A *p*
di - si! Aah

Pno. *mp*

392

TAU and the LIONESSES
mock-lunge at the
animals, who gasp!

TAU *rall.* *Slow*
right now, my wives and I need our break fast... *p* Just jo- king...

Pno. *ff subito* *Slow* *p*

Fast ♩ = 140

TAU (spoken): "Come, harem." The LIONS leave, with some more lunges and growls.

397

ANIMALS *mf*

S *mf*
We have our_ so - lu - tion. We

A *mf*
We have our_ so - lu - tion. We

Pno. *p marcato* *p* *mf*

402

Bello *f* BELLO *f*

S A *f*

All didn't take long! It's Tau the li-on So bold and strong! A beast with the vi-sion to

T B *f*

Pno. *f*

406

Bello *ff*

S A *ff*

All set us free! De-mo-cra-cy De-mo-cra-cy De-mo-cra-cy!

T B *ff*

Pno. *ff*

set us free! And how did we get him? Say what? Can't hear you! De -

411

Bello *ad lib.* Tempo I ♩ = 140

Koni *KONI* (to himself)

Pno. *f* *p* Tempo I ♩ = 140

mo - - - cra - cy!

Oh dear, oh dear...

414

KONI exits towards the Baobab tree

S
A

All

T
B

Pno.

f Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

f Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

418

S
A

All

T
B

Pno.

ff U - ta - ta! U - ma -

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

i - vu - la! We need rain! Se-la i - vu - la! Bring us rain! Si - fu - na

422

S
A

All

T
B

Pno.

ma!

ff Ne - tha!

i - vu - la! We need rain! Ne - tha!

i - vu - la! We need rain! Ne - tha!

426

S
A
All
T
B
Pno.

Wa - ter! I - qha - we! I - qha - we! Um-sin-

Wa - ter! I - qha - we! I - qha - we! Um-sin-

430

SOLOS *ff*

Solos 1&2 *ff*

S
A
All
T
B
Pno.

Si-fu-na i - vu - la! Bring us rain!

di - si! Bring us rain!

di - si! Bring us rain!

p *ff*

mp *f* *ff*

ff

8^{va} . 1

Slower ♩ = 110

434

The ANIMALS exit, except
KIPLING and DIKELEDI

KIPLING *mp* Colla voce (conversational)

Kip. Well, they got what they de - served

Slower ♩ = 110

Pno.

437

Kip. *mf* did-n't they? Ah! The in - no - cence of

Dik. **DIKELEDI** But roy - al - ty's so ro - man - tic; a King, eh?_

Pno. *mp*

441

Kip. *p* youth! Young dron - go, see the truth! No. It's

Dik. But it's a won - der - ful sto - ry, could - n't be great - er.

Pno. *p*

445 *rall.* $\text{♩} = 155$ They exit. [SCENE CHANGE]

Kip. all too fam - il - iar. An - oth - er Af - ri - can dic - ta - tor.

Pno. *f brightly*

451

Pno.

ATTACCA SCENE 2