

SSAA, a cappella

# The Baobab



♩. = 116

GIJ VEA 2024 Div 1 (Small) Set Piece

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**verse 1**

*mp*

Soprano 1  
Un-der-neath the thun-der of the Af-ri-can sky stood the tal-lest gi-ant e-ver known to hu-man

Soprano 2  
Un-der-neath the thun-der of the Af-ri-can sky stood the tal-lest gi-ant e-ver known to hu-man

Alto 1  
Un-der-neath the thun-der of the Af-ri-can sky stood the tal-lest gi-ant e-ver known to hu-man

Alto 2  
Un-der-neath the thun-der of the Af-ri-can sky stood the tal-lest gi-ant e-ver known to hu-man

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S 1  
\_\_kind\_\_ and far be-neath the ca-no-py\_ the sto-ry's told how se-crets sleep be-neath

S 2  
\_\_kind\_\_ and far be-neath the ca-no-py\_ the sto-ry's told how se-crets sleep be-neath

A 1  
\_\_kind\_\_ and far be-neath the ca-no-py\_ the sto-ry's told how se-crets sleep be-neath the

A 2  
\_\_kind\_\_ and far be-neath the ca-no-py\_ the sto-ry's told how se-crets sleep be-neath

**Interlude 1**

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*mf*

S 1  
hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ oh ho ee

S 2  
hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ oh ho ee

A 1  
ba-o-bab tree\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ hoo\_ oh the

A 2  
doo doo\_ ba dm ba doo doh oh ho ee

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S 1  
yeah\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ oh ho ee

S 2  
yeah\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ oh ho ee

A 1  
ba - o - bab tree\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ hoo\_\_\_ oh ho ee

A 2  
yeah\_\_\_ doo doo\_\_\_ ba dm ba doo doh oh ho ee

verse 2

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S 1  
*p* yeah\_\_\_ ooh ooh

S 2  
*p* yeah\_\_\_ ooh ooh

A 1  
*mf* yeah\_\_\_ Un - der - neath the thun - der of the Af - ri - can sky the grand - est tree twis - ted

A 2  
*p* yeah\_\_\_ ooh ba dm ba doo

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S 1  
thir - ty me - tres high ooh ooh\_\_\_

S 2  
thir - ty me - tres high ooh ooh\_\_\_

A 1  
thir - ty me - tres high and han - ded down the gen - er - a - tions le - gend

A 2  
thir - ty me - tres high ooh ooh

44 *mf*

S 1 — men made peace be - neath

S 2 — men made peace be - neath

A 1 goes that men made peace be-neath the ba - o - bab

A 2 *mf*  
ba dm ba men made peace be - neath

Interlude 2

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S 1 Ah \_\_\_\_\_ Hee ah \_\_\_\_\_ hee ah \_\_\_\_\_

S 2 hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ oh ho ee

A 1 tree \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ oh ho ee

A 2 dm be-neath the moon, un - der-neath the star - ry sky I'll lay me

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S 1 oh ho ee ya \_\_\_\_\_ Hee ah \_\_\_\_\_ hee ah \_\_\_\_\_

S 2 *f*  
yeah \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ ah \_\_\_\_\_

A 1 *f*  
yeah \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ hoo \_\_\_\_\_ ah \_\_\_\_\_

A 2 *f*  
down to sleep be-neath the sun un - der-neath the ca - no - py I'll

verse 3

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S 1 *p* oh ho ee yeah ooh ooh

S 2 *p* oh ho ee yeah ooh ooh

A 1 *p* oh ho ee yeah ooh ba dm ba doo

A 2 *mp* sing to the bao - bab As the sun sets be - neath the Af - ri - can sky the bao - bab's sil - lou - hette is

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S 1 u - pon the fire ooh ooh

S 2 u - pon the fire ooh ooh

A 1 u - pon the fire ooh ooh

A 2 cast u - pon the fire and coo - ling the sa - van - nah's heat the sha - dows

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S 1 lo - vers dance be - neath the ba - o - bab

S 2 lo - vers dance be - neath

A 1 ba dm ba lo - vers dance be - neath

A 2 come and lo - vers dance be - neath