Africa

By David Paich and Jeff Porcaro, 1982 hit for their band Toto



















Signature C6-Em riff:

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*Intro:

[C6][Em] full riff X4

*Verse 1:

[D]I hear the drums [F#m]echoing to-[Bm]night

[D]She hears only [C6]whispers of some

[Em]quiet conver[Bm]sation

[C6][Em] (half riff)

[D]She's coming [F#m]in, twelve thirty [Bm]flight

The [D]moonlit wings re[C6]flect the stars that

[Em]guide me toward sal[Bm]vation

[C6][Em]

[D]I stopped an [F#m]old man along the [Bm]way

[D]Hoping to find some [C6]old forgotten

[Em]words or ancient [Bm]melodies

[C6][Em]

[D]He turned to [F#m]me as if to [Bm]say,

[D]"Hurry boy, it's [C6]waiting there for [Em]you"

*Chorus:

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[Am]Gonna take a [F]lot to drag me [C]away from [G]you [Am]There's nothing that a [F]hundred men or [C]more could ever[G] do [Am]I bless the [F]rains down [C]in Afri[G]ca [Am]Gonna take some [F]time to do the [C]things we never [Em]ha-a-[G]a-ad[Am] [G]
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[C6][Em] full riff X2

*Verse 2:

[D]The wild dogs [F#m]cry out in the [Bm]night As [D]they grow restless [C6]longing for some [Em]solitary [Bm]company

[C6][Em]

[D]I know that [F#m]I must do what's [Bm]right As sure as [D]Kilimanjaro [C6]rises like O[Em]Iympus above the [Bm]Serengeti [C6][Em]

[D]I seek to [F#m]cure what's deep in[Bm]side [D]Frightened of this [C]thing that I've be[Em]come

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[C6][Em] Full Riff X2

*Interlude:

[D]I stopped an [F#m]old man along the [Bm]way [D]Hoping to find some [C6]old forgotten [Em]words or ancient [Bm]melodies [C6][Em] [D]He turned to [F#m]me as if to [Bm]say,

(Sung)[D]"Hurry boy, she's [C6]waiting there for [Em]you"

*Chorus/Outro:

It's [Am]gonna take a [F]lot to drag me [C]away from [G]you [Am]There's nothing that a [F]hundred men or [C]more could ever [G]do [Am]I bless the [F]rains down in [C]Afri-[G]ca [Am]I bless the [F]rains down in [C]Agri-[G]ca [Am]I bless the [F]rains down in [C]Afri-[G]ca [Am]Gonna take some [F]time to do [C]things we never [Em]ha-a-[G]a-ad[Am] [G] [C6][Em]