

Africa

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

Key of C

Signature C6-Em riff:

C6	Em		
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00-0-0-0	0---3--3	-3-3-3-3	-3-3-3--
00-0-0-0	0-2-4-4-	--4---4-	--4---4-
00-0-0-0	0-----	-----	-----

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]
[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:

[Am] Gonna take a [F] lot to drag me a-[C]way 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] ha-ad [Am] [G]

[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]lympus 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]ha-ad [Am] [G]
[C6] [Em]