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**KABO OMOWALE**  
**(WELCOME HOME CHILD)**

*Narrator,  
SATB Chorus  
and Orchestra*

(2008)

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Duration: ca. 17 minutes

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### Instrumentation:

3 Flutes (3 doubles Piccolo)  
2 Oboes  
English Horn  
2 Clarinets in Bb  
Bass Clarinet  
3 Bassoons

4 Horns in F  
3 Trumpets in C  
2 Tenor Trombones  
1 Bass Trombone  
Tuba

Harp

Timpani  
3 Percussion

Narrator

SATB Chorus  
(suitable for intergenerational chorus)

Strings

### Percussion

#### Perc. I:

Marimba  
Xylophone  
Vibraphone  
Glockenspiel  
Shekere (African beaded gourd)  
Suspended Cymbal (H)  
Crash Cymbal  
Flexatone  
Tambourine  
Triangle (suspended)  
Vibraslap

#### Perc. II

Xylophone (share with I)  
Small Gourd Rattle  
Log Drum (or 2 Wood Blocks)  
Drum Set - includes:  
Snare Drum  
3 Toms (H, M, L)  
Kick Bass Drum  
Hi-Hat  
Ride Cymbal  
Suspended Cymbal (M)  
Sizzle Cymbal

#### Perc. III

Chimes  
2 Congas (H L)  
3 Toms (H, M, L)  
Bass Drum  
Suspended Cymbal (L)  
Castanets (mounted)  
Wood Blocks (H, L)  
Mark Tree  
Brake Drum  
Triangle (suspended)  
Ratchet  
Slide Whistle

Duration: ca. 19 minutes

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Transposed Score

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## I. Moderato, con spirito (♩ = c. 72)

The score is a transposed score for a full orchestra and vocal soloists. It includes parts for Flute 1, 2, 3, Piccolo; Oboe 1, 2; English Horn; Clarinet in B♭ 1, 2; Bass Clarinet; Bassoon 1, 2, 3; Horn in F 1, 3, 2, 4; Trumpet in C 1, 2, 3; Tenor Trombone, Bass Trombone, Tuba; Harp; Timpani; Percussion 1, 2, 3; and Narrator. The vocal parts are for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The score begins with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is Moderato, con spirito, with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The vocal parts enter in measure 1 with the lyrics: "Ka-bo o mo wa-le, Ba di mo. ba fa se, Wo-yu jul-li bi yaa ko moom, yaa ko moom". The instrumental parts are mostly rests in the first few measures. There is a "Gourd rattle" part for Percussion 2 starting in measure 14, marked with a piano (p) dynamic. The score ends in measure 14.

Note: Accidentals refer only to the octave in which they appear. Some courtesy accidentals are included for ease.

For future performances, other names of children and elders in the community may be substituted at the beginning and end of the piece.

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Translations:  
Kabomowale (Welcome home child: Yoruba)  
Badímo - bafásè (We thank the ancestors in the ground: Sepedi)  
Woyu julli bi yaa ko moom (This praise-song is for you: Wolof)



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10

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1,2  
EH  
B♭ Cl. 1,2  
Bass Cl.  
Bsn. 1,2  
Bsn. 3

10

Hn. 1,3  
Hn. 2,4  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2,3  
T. Tbn. 1,2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

10

Hp.  
Timp.  
Shekere  
Gourd Rattle  
Congas

*Solo* **mf** resonant

**p**  
**mp** (may ad lib, keeping bass rhythm)

Begin m. 10, read continuously:

From the earliest existence of family,	the birth of a child was one of the most important events in the life of the village.	Each child was received with great ceremony.	The infant's name would be whispered into her ear -	she would be the first one to hear it.	Ritual said: "We welcome you, We enfold you into the bosom of your family, your people. In you are all who have gone before."
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10

S  
A  
T  
B

**pp** (whispered)

10

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

**pp** *leggiero*

19

Fl. 1,2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1,2

EH

B♭ Cl. 1,2

Bass Cl.

Bsn. 1,2

Bsn. 3

*rhythmic and articulate*

*mf* *rhythmic and articulate*

*mf* *rhythmic and articulate*

2/4 3/4 4/4

19

Hn. 1,3

Hn. 2,4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2,3

T. Tbn. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

2/4 3/4 4/4

19

Hp.

Timp.

Shekere

Gourd Rattle

Congas

*p*

*mp* *resonant*

*p*

Mba. *hard mallets (if switch is problematic, begin Mba. on m. 25)*

B.D. (Kick Drum)

2/4 3/4 4/4

19

S

A

T

B

We have been wait - ing to wel - come you home bear ing gifts from an - ces - tors known and un - known

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2/4 3/4 4/4

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*pp* *leggiero*

*pp*

*p* *leggiero*

*p* *pizz.*

*p* *pizz.*

*p*

*div.*

2/4 3/4 4/4

25

Fl. 1.2 *p*

Fl. 3 *p*

Ob. 1.2

EH

B♭ Cl. 1.2 *p*

Bass Cl. *p*

Bsn. 1.2 *p*

Bsn. 3

2/4 3/4

*pp*

25

Hn. 1.3

Hn. 2.4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2,3

T. Tbn. 1.2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

2/4 3/4

25

Hp.

Timp.

Marimba

Bs. Dr.

Congas

2/4 3/4

*mp*

25

S *mf*

A *mf*

T *mf*

B *mf*

We have been wait - ing to wel - come you home bear ing gifts from an - ces - tors known and un - - - known.

2/4 3/4

25

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*pp*

div.

unis.

div. pizz.

arco

arco div.

*mp*

2/4 3/4



A tempo (♩ = 72)

34

Fl. 1,2 *mf* *a2* *3*

Fl. 3 *mf* *3*

Ob. 1,2 *mp* *leggiere*

EH *mp* *leggiere*

B♭ Cl. 1,2 *mf* *3*

Bass Cl. *mp*

Bsn. 1,2 *mp* *leggiere*

Bsn. 3 *mp* *leggiere*

Hn. 1,3 *pp* *a2 con sord.*

Hn. 2,4 *pp* *a2 con sord.*

C Tpt. 1 *p* *a2*

C Tpt. 2,3 *p* *a2*

T. Tbn. 1,2 *pp* *mp*

B. Tbn. *pp* *mp*

Tuba *pp* *St. mute*

Hp. *mf* *gl.*

Timp. *p*

Marimba *mp* *gl.*

Gourd Rattle *mp*

Congas *mf*

A tempo (♩ = 72)

34

S *deemed.*

A *deemed.*

T *deemed.*

B *deemed.*

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Cb. *p*