

# A B

## Verse 1

Our Alphabet begins, with the letter "A".  
Let's learn it together, the African way.  
Do you know what's next? It's the letter "B".  
And with these two letters, we'll start our journey!

## Chorus

"A" is for Africa, all the children in Africa.  
"A" is for Africa, all the children in Africa.  
"B" is for the baobab tree, the big beautiful baobab tree.  
"B" is for the baobab tree, the big beautiful baobab tree.

## VERSE 2

"A" is the beginning of our alphabet.  
Let's say it together, so that we don't forget  
"B" is number two, so let me hear you sing!  
"A" and "B" begins our song, it's how our song begins

## Chorus

*X2 (1<sup>st</sup> time accapella)*

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## C D

### Verse 1

This is letter "C". Let us calculate,  
If we can ride on a camels back, from Cairo to the Cape.

Now it's time for "D", and this is what we know:  
"D" is for the Drakensberg, where our rivers flow.

### Chorus

"C" is for crocodile, the clever cunning crocodile.  
"C" is for crocodile, the clever cunning crocodile,  
"D" is for dung-beetle, he rolls the dirt the dung-beetle  
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### Verse 2

We're riding on our camel, to the fairest Cape.  
Right across the continent; how long will it take?

Through Dar es Salaam, making our way down.  
To the sound of Djembe drums, beating all around.

### Chorus X2

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## E F

### Verse 1

“E” is easy, don’t you agree?  
Easy “E” is easy you’ll see!  
“Fee Fi Fo Fum” “F” is the one.  
For flipping and flopping,  
“F” is such fun!

### Chorus

“E” is for elephant, enormous great elephant.  
“E” is for elephant, enormous great elephant.  
“F” is for firefly, flickering firefly.  
“F” is for firefly, flickering firefly.

### Verse 2

Ears and eyeballs, earthworms and eggs.  
“E” is enchanting it gives you the edge.  
Flight of the fish eagle flapping its wings.  
“F” is for fluttering fine feathered friends.

### Chorus X2

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### Chorus (fast)

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## G H

### Intro

*"Doo wop, doo wop, doo wop wa doo wop"*

*"Doo wop, doo wop, doo wop wa doo wop"*

### Verse 1

Reaching to the tops of trees.

Looking for the juicy leaves.

"G" is for the giraffe, the graceful gentle giraffe.

"G" is for the giraffe, the graceful gentle giraffe.

### Verse 2

Lying in a water hole,

Hear him snorting, see him roll.

"H" is for the hippopotamus, the happy hungry hippopotamus.

"H" is for the hippopotamus, the happy hungry hippopotamus.

### Interlude

*"Doo wop, doo wop, doo wop wa doo wop"*

*"Doo wop, doo wop, doo wop wa doo wop"*

### Verse 3

Tall giraffe how do you rest?

Standing upright is the best!

"G" is for the giraffe, the graceful gentle giraffe.

"G" is for the giraffe, the graceful gentle giraffe.

### Verse 4

Mister hippo do you know?

When you yawn you scare me so!

"H" is for the hippopotamus, the happy hungry hippopotamus.

"H" is for the hippopotamus, the happy hungry hippopotamus.

"G" is for giraffe.

And "H" is for the hippopotamus.

"G" is for giraffe.

And "H" is for the hippopotamus.

"Ooooooh"



# I J

## Verse 1

You hear it over mountains, echo through the land.  
Over hills and valleys, over desert sand.  
And when the dust has settled, you could still hear them cry.  
The war songs of the Impi, with shield and assegai.

## Chorus

“I” is for the Impi (Defenders of the land)  
Impi, Impi (with assegai in hand)  
“I” is for the Impi (Defenders of the land)  
Impi, Impi (with assegai in hand)

## Verse 2

Johannesburg, Johannesburg (Johannesburg, Johannesburg)  
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“J” is for Johannesburg, the jazzy “Jozi” Johannesburg  
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## Chorus

“I” is for the Impi (Defenders of the land)  
Impi, Impi (with assegai in hand)  
“I” is for the Impi (Defenders of the land)  
Impi, Impi (with assegai in hand)

## Outro

“I” is for the Impi, and “J” is for Johannesburg (X4)



## K L

### Intro

*Ha la la la la. Ha la la la la. (X2)*

### Verse 1

Can you, can you hear it?  
The pulse of, the bushveld  
In Africa, In Africa.

Can you, can you feel it?  
The heat of the desert.  
In Africa, In Africa.

### Chorus

“K” is for the kudu, who kicks up dust in the Kalahari  
“K” is for the kudu, who kicks up dust in the Kalahari  
“K” is for the kudu, kudu, kudu  
“K” is for the kudu.

“L” is for the lion, who lies in the long long grass.  
“L” is for the lion, who lies in the long long grass.  
Listen to his roar, thundering through the veld.  
“L” is for the lion.

### Interlude

*Ha la la la la. Ha la la la la. (X2)*

### Chorus

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## M N

### Verse 1

Music plays, the beats a thumpin', marimba rhythm gets us bumpin'.  
Our feet are moving left and right, keep on dancing through the night!  
Everyone is oh-so happy, marimba rhythm gets us clapping.  
And when we think it's gonna end, they start to play our song again!

### Chorus

"M" is for the marimba (la la la la la la).  
The music of the marimba (la la la la la la).  
"M" is for the marimba (la la la la la la).  
The music of the marimba (la la la la la la).

### Verse 2

Nkosi sikelele' I Africa,  
The anthem of our nation South Africa.  
Nkosi sikelele' I Africa,  
Nkosi, sikelela ,  
Thina lusapho lwayo

### Chorus

"N" is for Nkosi Sikelele Africa,  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.  
"N" is for Nkosi Sikelele Africa,  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.

### Chorus (modulation)

"M" is for the marimba (la la la la la la).  
The music of the marimba (la la la la la la).  
"M" is for the marimba (la la la la la la).  
The music of the marimba (la la la la la la).

### Chorus

"N" is for Nkosi Sikelele Africa,  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.  
"N" is for Nkosi Sikelele Africa,  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.  
Our beautiful Nkosi Sikelele Africa.



## O P

### Verse 1

A big big bird that starts with “O”,  
You won’t believe how fast it goes!  
But no matter how hard it tries,  
This big big bird will never fly!

It lays humongous oval eggs,  
It has big eyes and long long legs.  
On each foot, now would you know?  
This strange bird has just two toes!

### Chorus “O”

“O” is for the ostrich (X6)

### Chorus “P”

Pennywhistle, Pennywhistle.  
Please play me your pennywhistle.  
Pennywhistle, Pennywhistle.  
“P” is for the Pennywhistle.

### Verse 2

Please play me, a pretty melody.  
We can sing in harmony.  
Please play me, a pennywhistle song.  
We can clap and sing along.

### Chorus “P”

Pennywhistle, Pennywhistle.  
Please play me your pennywhistle.  
Pennywhistle, Pennywhistle.  
“P” is for the Pennywhistle

### Chorus “O” & “P”

*(Shout “O” & “P”)*

“O” is for the ostrich, “P” is for the Pennywhistle.  
“O” is for the ostrich, “P” is for the Pennywhistle.

*(Sung)*

“O” is for the ostrich, “P” is for the Pennywhistle.  
“O” is for the ostrich, “P” is for the Pennywhistle.



## Q R

### Verse 1

“Q” is for quiet, the quiet of the night.  
When all you hear are crickets, in the moonlight.  
“Q” is for quiet, when everyone’s asleep.  
And you can’t hear a sound, not the tiniest little peep!

### Chorus

Quiet, the quiet, the quiet of the night. (*Shhhh*) X4

### Verse 2

“R” is for rhinoceros, he can’t see very well.  
But one thing that is really good, is his sense of smell.  
“R” is for rhinoceros, his body is robust.  
He likes to eat plants and grass, and rolling in the dust!

### Chorus

“R” is, “R” is for rhinoceros (*Rhino!*) X4

Quiet, the quiet, the quiet of the night. (*Shhhh*)  
Quiet, the quiet, the quiet of the night. (*Shhhh*)  
“R” is, “R” is for rhinoceros (*Rhino!*)  
“R” is, “R” is for rhinoceros!



# S T

## Verse 1

“S” is for the township, Soweto.  
“S” is for the township, Soweto.  
“T” is for the taxi, to Soweto  
We’re taking a taxi to Soweto.

## Chorus

Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.  
Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.

## Verse 2

Swinging and singing in Soweto.  
Talking in taxis in Soweto.  
“T” is for a taxi to Soweto  
We’re taking a taxi to Soweto.

## Chorus

Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.  
Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.

## Verse 3

“S” is for the township, Soweto.  
“S” is for the township, Soweto.  
“T” is for the taxi, to Soweto  
We’re taking a taxi to Soweto.

## Chorus

Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.  
Soweto, Soweto, Soweto.  
(repeat to fade...)



## U V

### **Verse**

“U” is for ululate, under African skies.  
In times of sadness and of joy, you will hear our cry.  
“U” is for ululate, under African skies.  
So come and ululate with us, it’s easy if you try.

*Ululation....*

### **Interlude**

“V” is a village where people stay, *oo wa ha oo whe!*

### **Verse**

“V” is a village, where people stay.  
Down in the valley, the village children play.  
“V” is a village, where people stay.  
You will find them having fun, in huts made of clay.

### **Interlude**

“V” is a village where people stay, *oo wa ha oo whe! X4*

### **Verse (modulation)**

“U” is for ululate, under African skies.  
In times of sadness and of joy, you will hear our cry.  
“V” is a village, where people stay.  
You will find them having fun, in huts made of clay.

### **Interlude**

“V” is a village where people stay, *oo wa ha oo whe! X4*  
“V” is a village. **X4**



## W

### Verse

What has four tusks and a little tufted tail?  
*The warthog, the warthog, the wacky wild warthog!*  
What eats fruit and berries and root?  
*The warthog, the warthog, the wacky wild warthog!*

### Bridge

He lives in the woodlands and grassy plains.  
That's where he's happy, it's his terrain.  
His four long tusks are very sharp.  
His eyesight's bad but he runs very fast!



### Chorus

“W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog....WARTHOG!  
“W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog....WARTHOG!

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### Chorus acapella

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“W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog, “W’s” for warthog....WARTHOG!

## **X Y Z**

### **Chorus**

“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, this is the end of our alphabet.  
“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, let’s see what word we can make with “X”

### **Verse 1 “X”**

Xhosa, Xhosa, “X” is for Xhosa. Xhosa, Xhosa, Xhosa starts with “X” (X2)

### **Chorus**

“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” and “Y”. Come on now let’s give it a try.  
“X” “Y” “Z”, don’t be shy. Let’s see what word we can make with “Y”

### **Interlude 1**

Yellow! Young! Yesterday! Year!

### **Verse 2 “Y”**

Yebo, Yebo, “Y” is for Yebo. Yebo, Yebo, Yebo means yes. (X2)

### **Chorus**

“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, here’s the last letter of the alphabet.  
“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, let’s see what word we can make with “Z”

### **Interlude 2**

Zulu! Zambesi! Zoo! ZZZZZip!

### **Verse 3 “Z”**

Zebra, zebra, “Z” is for zebra. Zebra, Zebra, Zebra starts with “Z”. (X2)

### **Chorus**

“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, lets sing them together so we don’t forget.  
“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, we had lot’s of fun with our alphabet.

### **Interlude 3**

“X”! “Y”! “X”, “Y”, “X” “Y” “Z”!

### **Chorus**

“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, lets sing them together so we don’t forget.  
“X” “Y” “Z”, “X” “Y” “Z”, we had lot’s of fun with our alphabet.

### **Coda (acapella)**

Xhosa starts with “X”. Yebo means yes. Zebra starts with “Z”. “X” “Y” “Z”!

