

Funga Alafia

Translation: Alafia means "good health" or "peace" in Yoruba. *Ashay* is similar to the Yoruban word *Oh-shay*, which means "thank you."

"Text" of gestures:

With my mind, I greet you. (Touch head and extend open arms forwards – 1st phrase)

With my speech, I greet you. (Touch lips and extend arms – 2nd phrase)

With my heart, I greet you. (Touch heart and extend arms – 3rd phrase)

See, I have nothing up my sleeves. (Liffr L arm perpendicular to floor, gesture R hand down outside of L arm; reverse – 4th phrase)

- Stand in circle
- Simultaneous imitation of T (pantomime movement)
- "Play" with both words "funga" and "alafia"
- "Ashay" Ss echo T (speak, add inflection, sing)
- T sings "funga alafia" Ss sing "ashay ashay"
- Do all
- Add clap/clap/step R/step together (8X)
- Sing together "funga alafia ashay, ashay, funga alafia ashay, ashay" then add clap/clap/step R/step together 8X, moving CCW

Can add: UPP players in center, some pitched instruments on varied rhythms (degree of difficulty is determined on level of your Ss).

Musical notation for 'Funga Alafia' in G clef, 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the music, the lyrics are written twice: 'Fun-ga a - la - fia, Ah-shay, ah - shay.' followed by another line of the same lyrics.

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FUNGA ALAFAA (INSTR)

AFRICAN WELCOMING SONG

FUN GA - A - LA - FIA, AH-SHAW, AH-SHAW.

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Musical score for Funga Alafia (Instr) featuring seven staves:

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- Glockens:** A single staff with a treble clef, 4/4 time, and quarter notes.
- Quirco:** A single staff with a treble clef, 4/4 time, and eighth-note patterns.
- Shav:** A single staff with a treble clef, 4/4 time, and eighth-note patterns.
- Drums:** A single staff with a bass clef, 4/4 time, and eighth-note patterns.
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