

The Hippopotamus Song

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Musical score for the first section of "The Hippopotamus Song". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The tempo is 180 BPM. The score includes four vocal parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The vocal parts sing "Ooh" in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in G, G/D, C, and D7.

Musical score for the second section of "The Hippopotamus Song". The key signature changes to A major (no sharps or flats). The vocal parts sing "Ooh" in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in G, G/B, C, G/D, Em, A7, and D.

1. A bold Hip-po - pot-a-mus was stand-ing one day,
2. The fair Hip-po - pot-a-ma, he aimed to en - tice,
3. Now more Hip-po - pot-a-mi be - gan to con - vene,

on the banks of the cool Sha - li - mar.
from her seat on the hill-top a - bove.
on the banks of that riv - er so wide.

He
As
I

Musical score for the third section of "The Hippopotamus Song". The key signature changes to A major (no sharps or flats). The vocal parts sing "Oo" in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in G, G/B, C, G/D, Em, A7, and D.

Musical score for the fourth section of "The Hippopotamus Song". The key signature changes to A major (no sharps or flats). The vocal parts sing "Oo" in unison. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in G, G/B, C, G/B, Em, A7, and D.

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by the light of the eve - ning star.
came tip - toe ing down to her love.
that en - sued by the Shal - li mar's side.

Oo _____ A
Oo _____ Like They
Oo _____ A Like They
gazed at the bot-tom as it peace-ful - ly lay,
she had - n't got a Ma to give her ad - vice,
won - der now what am I to say of the scene,
by the light of the eve - ning star.
came tip - toe ing down to her love.
that en - sued by the Shal - li mar's side.

A - Like They

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S. way on the hill - top sat comb-ing her hair, his fair Hip - po - pot - a - mine maid. The
thun der, the for - est re - ech oed the sound, of the song that they sang as they met. His
dived all at once with an ear split ting splosh, then rose to the sur face a - gain. A

A. way on the hill - top sat comb-ing her hair, his fair Hip - po - pot - a - mine maid. The
thun der, the for - est re - ech oed the sound, of the song that they sang as they met. His
dived all at once with an ear split ting splosh, then rose to the sur face a - gain. A

T. way on the hill - top sat comb-ing her hair, his fair Hip - po - pot - a - mine maid. The
thun der, the for - est re - ech oed the sound, of the song that they sang as they met. His
dived all at once with an ear split ting splosh, then rose to the sur face a - gain. A

B. way on the hill - top sat comb-ing her hair, his fair Hip - po - pot - a - mine maid. The
thun - der, the for - est re - ech - oed the sound, of the song that they sang as they met. His
dived all at once with an ear split - ting splosh, then rose to the sur - face a - gain. A

Am Em F/A E Dm⁷ E⁷ Am D/F#

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S. Hip - po - pot - a - mus was no ig - no - ra - mus and sang her this sweet ser - e - nade.
in - am - o - ra - ta ad - just ed her gar - ter and lift - ed her voice in du - et.
reg - u - lar arm - y of Hip po - po - a - mi, all sing ing this haunt ing re - frain.

A. Hip - po - pot - a - mus was no ig - no - ra - mus and sang her this sweet ser - e - nade.
in - am - o - ra - ta ad - just ed her gar - ter and lift - ed her voice in du - et.
reg - u - lar arm - y of Hip po - po - a - mi, all sing ing this haunt ing re - frain.

T. Hip - po - pot - a - mus was no ig - no - ra - mus and sang her this sweet ser - e - nade.
in - am - o - ra - ta ad - just ed her gar - ter and lift - ed her voice in du - et.
reg - u - lar arm - y of Hip po - po - a - mi, all sing ing this haunt ing re - frain.

B. Hip - po - pot - a - mus was no ig - no - ra - mus and sang her this sweet ser - e - nade. Oh!
in - am - o - ra - ta ad - just ed her gar - ter and lift - ed her voice in du - et. Oh!
reg - u - lar arm - y of Hip - po - pot - a - mi, all sing - ing this haunt - ing re - frain. Oh!

Em⁷ A⁷ D Em⁷ A⁷ D E A⁷ D⁷

Refrain

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S. **p**

Mud! Mud! Glor - i - ous mud! Noth-ing quite like it for cool-ing the blood.

A. **p**

Mud! Mud! Glor - i - ous mud! Noth-ing quite like it for cool-ing the blood.

T. **p**

Mud! Mud! Glor - i - ous mud! Noth-ing quite like it for cool-ing the blood. So

B. **f**

Mud! Mud! Glor - i - ous mud! Noth-ing quite like it for cool-ing the blood. So

G G/B Am D⁷ G A⁷ D⁷

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S. Fol - low me, fol - low, down to the hol - low, and there let us wal - low in

A. Fol - low me, fol - low, down to the hol - low, and there let us wal - low in

T. Fol - low me, fol - low, down to the hol - low, and there let us wal - low in **p**

B. Fol - low me, fol - low, down to the hol - low, and there let us wal - low in **p**

f

G G/B Am E⁷ Am C G/B

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1-2 rit.

S. *glor - - - i - ous mud,*

A. *glor - - - i - ous mud,*

T. *glor - - - i - ous mud,*

B. *glor - - - i - ous mud,* mud, *glor - i - ous mud!*

1-2

A⁷ D⁷ G G/D C rit. D⁷

3.

58 rall. *glor - i - ous, glor - i - ous mud!*

A. *glor - i - ous, glor - i - ous mud!*

T. *glor - i - ous, glor - i - ous mud!*

B. *glor - i - ous, glor - i - ous mud!*

3.

Am E Am, D⁷ rall. G