

Ama Ibuo Iye

8-part round from
Zaire's Rain Forest, Central Africa

Learned from Dr. Ysaye Maria Barnwell, and recorded on Volume 2 of her CD series, "Singing in the African American Tradition"

Entrances can happen on every second beat throughout the melody, as shown

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

A - ma I - bu - o I - ye, A - ma

3 6. 7. 8.

I - bu - o I - ye, A - ma

From the Ituri Forest in Zaire (Central Africa) of the Bambuti people (Ba = people; mbuti = layers that fill out texture). In the Rainforest setting of this song, the people live in harmony with their environment. They migrate from place to place, and leave each place exactly as they found it. The chant imitates the sounds of the forest, and is a call to gather the community. It is sung for as long as needed until it feels like "community is reached."