

# Africa

Toto

Key: F • Time: 4/4

## INTRO

[F] [Dm] [Bb] [C] (x2)

## VERSE 1

[F] I hear the drums echo-[Dm]ing tonight

But she hears only whispers of some [Bb] quiet conversa-[C]tion

[F] She's coming in twelve-thirty [Dm] flight

The moonlit wings reflect the stars that [Bb] guide me toward salva-[C]tion

## VERSE 2

[F] I stopped an old man along the [Dm] way

Hoping to find some old forgotten [Bb] words or ancient melo-[C]dies

[F] He turned to me as if to [Dm] say

"Hurry boy, it's waiting there for [Bb] you!" [C]

## CHORUS

[F] It's gonna take a [C] lot to drag me [Bb] away from [Am] you

[F] There's nothing that a [C] hundred men or [Bb] more could ever [Am] do

[F] I bless the [C] rains down in [Bb] Africa [Am]

[F] Gonna take some [C] time to do the [Bb] things we never [Gm] had

## INSTRUMENTAL

[F] [Dm] [Bb] [C] (x2)

## VERSE 3

[F] Wild dogs cry out in the [Dm] night

As they grow restless, longing for some [Bb] solitary com-[C]pany

[F] I know that I must do what's [Dm] right

Sure as Kilimanjaro rises like Olym-[Bb]pus above the Sere-[C]ngeti

## VERSE 4

[F] I seek to cure what's deep [Dm] inside

Frightened of this thing that I've be-[Bb]come [C]

## CHORUS

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[F] There's nothing that a [C] hundred men or [Bb] more could ever [Am] do  
[F] I bless the [C] rains down in [Bb] Africa [Am]  
[F] Gonna take some [C] time to do the [Bb] things we never [Gm] had

## OUTRO

[F] [Dm] [Bb] [C] (repeat and fade)

"I bless the rains down in Africa..."

**Ukulele Tips:** Chords: \*\*F, Dm, Bb, C, Am, Gm\*\* — a lush palette for that Toto shimmer.

Strum gently: \*\*down-down-up-up-down-up\*\*, with light chuck mutes for percussion.

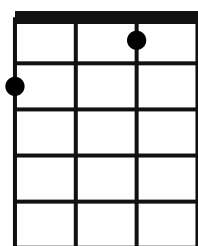
Keep tempo around 92 bpm — unhurried, swaying, hypnotic.

Use a low-G uke if you have one; it'll give you that deep, rolling groove.

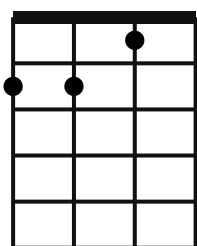
Sing earnestly — the more sincere you are, the better it lands.

Let the final F chord ring until it feels like the sun's just set over the savanna.

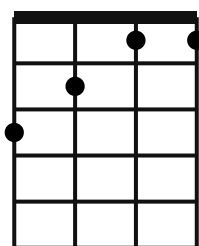
## CHORD DIAGRAMS



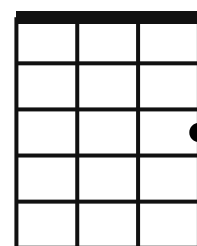
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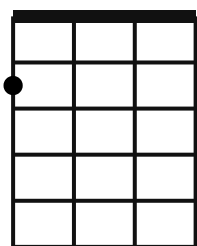
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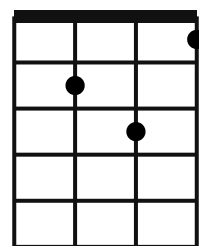
Bb



C



Am



Gm