Akwaaba! Welcome!

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Play Refrain once as Intro.
"Akwaaba" is pronounced ah-KWAH-buh
Akwaaba! Welcome!

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All

E  E/G#  A

to Verses

Final

All

E  E/G#  A

Wel come!

Final

Wel come!

E E/G# A

Cantor

All

E E/G# A

Wel come!

Fine

Cantor

All

E E/G# A

Fine
VERSES

1. This is the place to bring down the might-y.
The greatest are least.

2. Kingdom of God! Our sisters and brothers,
    No strife or division.

1. This is the place
    This is the place.
2. Kingdom of God!
    Kingdom of God!

1. The lowly are lifted.
The least are the greatest.

2. Our fathers and mothers:
    One Spirit, one mission, one

1. bring down the might-y
great-est are least,
2. sisters and brothers,
    our fathers and mothers:
    One Spirit, one mission,
Composer Notes

There are over 80 languages spoken throughout Ghana, but “Akwaaba,” a word from the Akan tribe, is the most universally accepted way to greet people who visit this enchanting African nation. When we Spirit & Song composers stepped off our plane at Accra airport, people smiled warmly as they said, “Akwaaba,” which literally means, “You are welcome!”

Catholic Relief Services hosted our remarkable journey through Ghana in 2013. As we toured the country, new friends in every village serenaded us with lively singing and dancing. We noticed that many of the songs had an enticing “call and response” structure that invited immediate participation as people took their cues from the song leader. This was also evident in their sacred music when we celebrated Sunday liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the city of Bolgatanga.

“Akwaaba! Welcome!” is a song of thanksgiving to our friends in Ghana. In ten short days, they shared so much of themselves through their stories, their friendship, and their unhesitating hospitality. We pray that our song will find a home in any multicultural community as the simple word “Akwaaba” invites the assembly into the reality of the universal Church.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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REFRAIN Spirited (♩ = ca. 113)

Melody

Harmony

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   This is the place.
2. Kingdom of God!
   Kingdom of God!

1. This is the place
   The greatest are
2. Kingdom of God!
   Our sisters and
   No strife or division.

1. Might - y.
   The least.
2. Brothers,
   Our fathers and
   No strife or division.

1. To bring down the might - y.
   The greatest are.
2. Our sisters and brothers,
   One Spirit, one

1. Lift - ed.
   The least.
2. Mothers:
   Our fathers and
   One Body of

1. All are set free.

1. One fam - i - ly!
   Christ.
2. One fam - i - ly! Christ.

This is the
King - dom of

A -
Assembly Edition

AKWAABA! WELCOME!

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