

Ose Ayo

(Sunrise Song)

(S.A.T.B. and Percussion)

Traditional Nigerian
Arranged by Brian Tate

Ose Ayo is a sunrise song. As in most Yoruba words there are several meanings, but one definition for "ose" is *thank you* and "ayo" is *joyful*. It should have a feeling of warmth and joy, and it should be sung in a free and loose manner. If you don't have the full percussion ensemble, use what you have - a single djembe or shaker will do. Introduce the percussion however you wish - all at once or one at a time. The four-measure introduction is only a guideline. A gentle sway of the choir from left to right at the top of each measure adds effective movement. If you want to include your audience, the main four parts are easy to teach so they can sing along. Enjoy! BT

Joyfully, with flow and ease ♩ = 124

Each section may be repeated as many times as desired.

Volume should gradually build with each repeat to the end of the piece.

percussion plays throughout (for rehearsal, use shaker 1 rhythm)

1 *mp* 2 3 4

djembe

shaker 1

shaker 2

double bell or cowbell

1st and 2nd times: SATB unison

A *3rd time: altos only*

5 *mp* (slight scoop) 6 7 8

O - se ay - o, a - beh a - deh o, _____

9 10 11 12 *Repeat twice*

ay - eh - o, _____ (continue the scooping throughout)

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1st time: SA

2nd and 3rd times: SAT

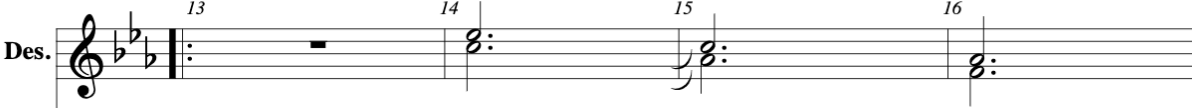
4th and 5th times: SATB

6th and 7th times: add sop. descant

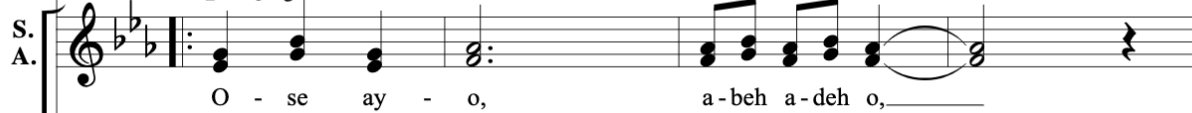
8th and 9th times: add alto descant

Descant: a few descant singers should step forward from the choir

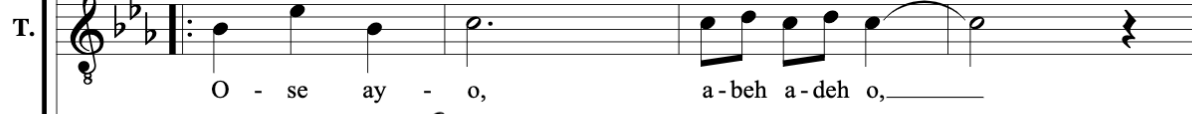
f very forward and nasal

Des. 

mp-mf-f (when alto descant is added)

S. 

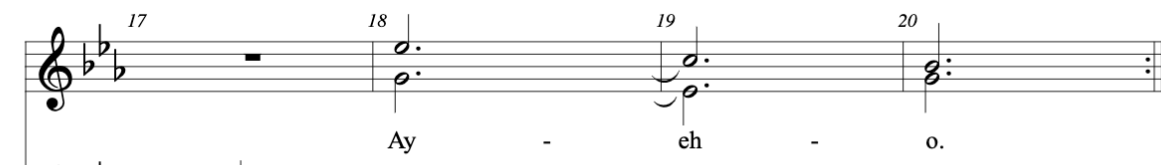
mf-f (when alto descant is added)

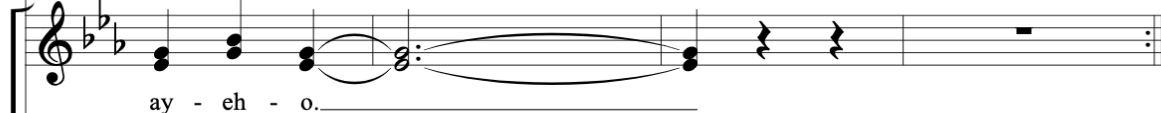
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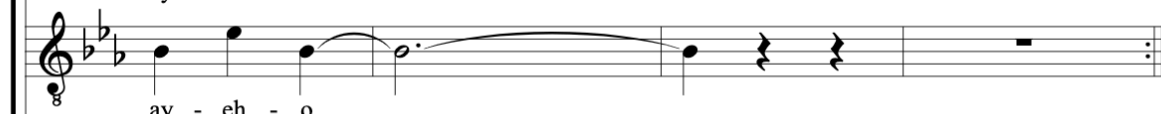
f very rhythmic and accented

T. 

B. 









C descant singers move back into the choir and to their regular parts

mf



mf



f



25 26 27 28

ay - eh - o.

O - se ay - o

D all percussion out

29 *mf-mp* 30 31 32

O - se ay - o,

mf-mp

a - beh a - deh o,

1 2

33 34 35 36 37 *rit.* 38 39

ay - eh - o.

ay - eh - o.

1 2

33 34 35 36 37 *rit.* 38 39

ay - eh - o.

ay - eh - o.

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