

Grace Oforka

Grace Oforka is a Nigerian composer, performer, and voice coach. She studied music education at the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Nigeria, and also obtained a certificate in singing from ABRSM. Grace has written numerous works for both solo Instruments and large ensembles. Her works have been performed by Midori Samson, Terry Ewell, Denise Rivera, Silent voices, Courtney Miller, Marc Vallon, and Seun Onifade among others. She is the co-founder of the Graciedion Chorale Society and Graciedion Media Music and Vocal Institute.

Nwa Chukwu Kam bu (I am a Child of God)

As I pondered on the song to submit for my project with Dr Andile Khumalo and Jiwe music, I was experiencing what I would call a block; I wasn't inspired to write songs. When I looked back at other songs the Lord has blessed me with and the encouragement I kept having from my teacher, I began to hum the song, Nwa Chukwu beneath my breath, remembering how honoured the Lord has made me feel by giving his gift of music to me. Nwa Chukwu Kam bu is a song to remind us that we are God's children. Despite our short comings, God still shares His grace with us.

Igbo

Nwa Chukwu kam bu.
O ge Nyem ihem choro
O ga-agozi onye O choro
Oga eleta ndi O kporo
Nwa Chukwu kam bu
Okwa ya kere elu igwe n'uwa
Okwa ya nwuru maka njo m
Nwa Chukwu kam bu

English

I am a Child of God
He will give me what I want
He will bless who he wants
He will watch over those he called
I am a Child of God
He made the heavens and the earth
He died for my sins
I am a Child of God

Grace Oforka wrote this composition as part of the NTHSS online orchestration program hosted by Jiwe Music (an online African Music library). The main convenor for the orchestration course was Dr Andile Khumalo. Jiwe Music is a non-profit organization seeking to preserve and make African music accessible to the African continent and beyond. It accepts contributions from all genres of music. This composition falls under the category of "Contemporary Art songs".

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Soprano and piano



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JIWE
Music
African Rhythms, Cast on Stone

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♩. = 64

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mp *legato* *sim.*

5 *mp*

Nwa Chu-kwu kam bu n - wa Chu-kwu Nwa Chu

9 *p*

kwu kam bu n - wa Chu-kwu n-wa ya n-wa

p

13

p

ya n - wa___ Chu-kwu Nwa___ Chu-kwu. kam___ bu___

mp

17

___ n - wa___ Chu - kwu___

p *cresc.*

21

mp *dim.*

25

1. 2.

p *pp*

A tempo

3

31 *mp*

N - wa Chu-kwu N - wa Chu-kwu n - wa___ Chu - kwu

A tempo

pp

35 *mf* *mp*

O ge nye m i - hem chọ rọ N - wa___ Chu-kwu

mf *mp*

39 *p* *mf*

N wa Chu kwu N wa Chu kwu ọ ga gọ zi
N - wa Chu - kwu N - wa Chu - kwu ọ g'e le - ta

p *mf*

43 *mp*

O ny'ọ chọ rọ N - wa Chu kwu kwu
Nde o kpọ rọ N - wa___ Chu - kwu___ , kwu___

mp *p* *p*

47

Nwa Chu-kwu kam bu N - wa Chu-kwu nwa Chu

rit.

51

kwu kam bu n - wa Chu - kwu

rit.

A tempo

55

p *espress.*

ooh *espress.* I - ma na n -

p *espress.* *pp* *p*

62 *mp* *p* *pp*

1. 2.

wa ya kam bu ooh_ bu

1. 2.

pp

70 *mf*

Nwa Chu - kwu_ kam bu_ n - wa Chu-kwu

mf

77 *mp* *p*

Nwa Chu - kwu_ kam bu_ n - wa Chu-kwu_

mp *p*

84 *p dolce* *mp* *p*

o kwa ya ke r'e - li - gwe nu wa

90 *mp* *p*

ooh_____ o kwa ya wu ru ma - ka n - jo mo

98 *p* *più*

ah_____ Chu - kwuo ma Chu - kwuo ma

104

Chu - kwuḡ ma Chu - kwuḡ ma Chu - kwuḡ ma Chu -

111

kwuḡ ma Chu - kwuḡ ma Chu - kwuḡ ma Chu - kwuḡ ma

118

Chu - kwuḡ ma

124

mp Nwa Chu - kwu_____ kam bu_____ n - wa Chu-kwu

131

p rit. *pp*

Nwa Chu - kwu_____ kam bu_____ n -

pp

136

wa Chu - kwu_____

pp