

Tuishi Pamoja

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Lyrics

Hey There! Welcome Along!

Hey there! Welcome along!
Share in our story of friendship.
Hey there! Come and join in.
Welcome one and all.

Gather round! Listen up!
Then we shall begin.
We're going to share such a story with you.
Welcome, welcome everyone.

Hey there! Welcome along... (etc.)

We are glad that you're here.
Make yourselves at home.
We hope that you will be glad that you came!
Welcome, welcome everyone.

Hey there! Welcome along... (etc.) x2

Giraffe Song

Meet a giraffe and it's instantly clear
We are the only real heroes round here.
No-one's a match for us, we're just too bright!
We are the greatest! That's right!

Look at our spots! We've got oodles of style.
Wearing our spots gives us reason to smile!
No-one's a match for us, we're just too bright!
We are the greatest! That's right!

Being a giraffe makes us all so strong.
It's so good we all belong.

Haven't you realised you'll never win?
If you're not one of us you're not in!
No-one's a match for us, we're just too bright!
We are the only real heroes in sight!
We are the only real heroes in sight!

Zebra Song

Come and take a look at the animals here,
Mouse and cheetah, elephant and snake.
Plain or speckled, multicoloured, dots or rings:
It's too much for us to take!

But there's only one style worth a glance,
One that looks all snazzy and neat.
Zebras would be winners in a fashion show:
Black and white's the style to beat! So give a...

Cheer for zebras,
We are the best dressed herd in sight!
Gorgeous zebras!
We're the stars with stripes!

Everyone who's not as good-looking as us,
You all have our great sympathy!
Some say we're big-headed – can you blame us?
Black and white's the style to beat! So give a...

Cheer for zebras... (etc.)

[Dance break]

Cheer for zebras... (etc.) x2

I Wish You Were Here

Raffi - solo

There are times I feel it would be
Wonderful to be alone.
Now I truly know how much I miss you so.
Oh my friends, can you hear me?

I feel scared and so alone at night.
Fear keeps me from sleeping.
How I wish you could be by my side.
I wish you were here.

Is there no-one there who can hear?
No-one who will comfort me?
Quarrels come and go, that's something we all know.
In the end we all need friends.

I feel scared... (etc.)

(spoken) Oh dear - I just thought the others were a pain in the neck, 'cos they always laughed at me. Now I realise how much I need them.

How I wish you could be by my side.
I wish you were here.

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Dream Spirits

When darkness steals away the light
We dance through your dreams at night.
Right beside you we will stay,
Keep your fears away.

Though strange dreams haunt you as you sleep,
Over you a watch we'll keep.
Your dream spirits standing near,
We are always here.

Take A Look At You

Raffi Take a look at you!
Don't you know you look a fright?
To say that you are colourless
Is far too polite
When I stop to think about it,
All my herd are right.
Stripes are a sorry sight.

Zea Take a look at you
And your ugly spotty crew!
Just run back home to Mummy,
'Cos that's all you can do!
You're afraid to be alone,
More chicken than giraffe.
You just make me laugh!

Raffi/Zea I just wish our paths had never crossed.
(shouted) Go home! Goodbye! Get lost!

Raffi Pointless talking to a zebra.
Well, I might have guessed,
'Cos zebras are just second-rate,
giraffes are the best.
Stripes are really stupid,
any idiot knows that.
Spots are where it's at!

Zea I won't listen to your nonsense,
not another word.
You'll never be as beautiful
as me and my herd
You're so spotty, makes me dizzy.
And I hate your height.
You should be black and white!
I just wish our paths had never crossed.

Raffi/Zea (shouted) Go home! Goodbye! Get lost!

Tuishi Pamoja

[PRON. Too-eee-she pah-mwo-jhah, da-ee-ma mee-lee-ler]

Tuishi pamoja, daima milele!
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We want to be best friends for ever and ever!
Tuishi pamoja, daima milele!

Zebra 1 – They do look kinda silly with those long
necks – don't you agree?

Zebra 2 – So what? They're ok when you get to know
them. Anyway, let's go back to the others.

Tuishi pamoja, daima milele! ... (etc.)

Giraffe 1 – I don't think I'll ever get used to those stripes!

Giraffe 2 – Why not? Stripes make a nice change! And isn't
it great to have so many new friends all of a sudden!

Tuishi pamoja, daima milele! ... (etc.)
(shouted) Milele!

Friends At Last

Giraffe 1 How strange are you?

Zebra 1 Well you're strange too!

Giraffe 1 But perhaps we could be friends,
Here's what we should do:
I'll tell you 'bout me,

Zebra 1 And I'll tell you 'bout me,

Gir/Zeb And perhaps a friendship will begin!

L. Some of us have stripes and some have spots,

R. But it doesn't matter what we've got!

All Come along let's celebrate in style;
Friendship makes it all worthwhile!

Giraffe 2 How strange are you?

Zebra 2 Well you're strange too!

Giraffe 2 But perhaps we could be friends,
Here's what we should do:
I'll tell you 'bout me,

Zebra 2 And I'll tell you 'bout me,

Gir/Zeb And perhaps a friendship will begin!

L. Some of us have stripes and some have spots... (etc.)

Whether colourful or plain,
You are welcome just the same,
And you'll find out in the end,
What's important is your friends!

L. Some of us have stripes and some have spots...
(etc...x2)