Composed and Performed by Emerson 4th Grade Classes

Classroom Cantatas

Emerson Elementary School

The Ashanti Tale of Anansi and the Dancing Granny

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THE ASHANTI TALE OF ANANSI AND THE DANCING GRANNY

A CANTATA WRITTEN BY 4TH GRADE STUDENTS
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Chorale
Dance Along With Spider’s Song
For Eternity
Shake It to the East
Granny Tricks Spider Back
Chorale
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Barbara Kiley's 4th Grade Class
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School
Roxbury, MA

Bluesy, With Triplet Feel

Voices

We are the sing-ers of A-

Piano

Bass performed as 1st measure throughout

nan-si's tale _ A-nan-si_ the man spi-der _ A-nan-si_ the slick trick-ster

Dragging a tempo

A-nan-si the la-zy one who Gets a taste of his
own medicine and dances to this very day

Into the forest with gran-

Even Eighths
Dance Along With Spider's Song

Words and Music by Tevin Abercrombie, Ariana DePina, Marquis Garcia, Keila Goncalves and Jennifer Ruiz with Randy McGee
Fourth Grade, Ralph Waldo Emerson School

With Energy

Voices

Piano

You know that greedy Anan-

Carefree

si-

He is so lazy and never wants to work He struts with-

Gradually More Intense

out a care in the world. But he's a very tricky

Much faster, But Clearly Spoken

spider, build as an turtle who sings like a bird.

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Lazily

Bong bong sing a song bin-ga bin-ga bong... Bong bong

sing a song bin-ga bin-ga bong... Bong bong bin-ga bong - bin-ga bin-ga bong...

Much Faster, As Before

Dance along with spider's song!
For Eternity

Words and Music by Victoria Rodriguez, Jozileny Cruz, Ronique Gardner-Williams, Shasar Jefferes and Angel Rivera with Susan Navien
Fourth Grade, Ralph Waldo Emerson School

Easily, With A Bounce

Voices

Piano

The dancing gran-ny plants and har-vests,

ne-ver see-ing A-nan-si's tricks. She dan-ces off when she hears his

mag-i-cal sing-ing: Ba ba boom sing a song!

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ba ba boom! dance a-long Ba ba boom Dance with me

Dance with me for etern-ni-ty.
Shake it to the East

Words and Music by Nandy Barbosa, Alex Fernandes, Juan Guerrero, Nilda Tavares and Dereke Taylor
with Catherine Hedberg
Barbara Kiley's Fourth Grade Class
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury MA

Swing

Shake it to the East

West

Shake it to the very one you like the best!

He makes Grann-y go dancing away.

He takes her crops off one by one:

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beans, her peas, her yams, her ok-ra. While Ani-ka goes dancing away,

dancing away, turning cart-wheels, jumping. Anansi gathers all her crops, all her crops! Shake it to the
Granny Tricks Spider Back

Words and Music by Kendrick Clark, Vanessa Pina, Shannon Simpson, Sequan Toney and Cameron Wiggins, with Kumi Donaghue
Ms. Kiley's 4th Grade Class, Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA

Moderato

But Granny tricks Spider back. She dances with him. Bon-ga, bon-ga, sing a song-a, until he is so ex-
hausted. Bon-ga, bon-ga, dance a-long-a. He gets none of her food. To this very day he is still dancing with Granny!

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Bon-ga, bon-ga, sing a song-a!
Bon-ga, bon-ga, dance a long-a!

Bon-ga, bon-ga, sing a song-a!
Bon-ga, bon-ga, dance a long-a!
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nan-si's tale. A-nan-si the man spider A-nan-si the slick trick-ster

Dragging a tempo

A-nan-si the lazy one who gets a taste of his
own medicine and dances to this very day

In to the forest with granny, In to the forest with granny.