

KESHO AMAHORO



MUSIC + SONGS

SONGLIST

ACT ONE

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| 1. | Registration | Everyone |
| 2. | Exploits of the Day | Kasulu Kids |
| 3. | Flowers | Ancilla & Esperance |
| 4. | My Rainbow | Ancilla, Esperance & Haki |
| 5. | Inside His/Her Mind | JP & Esperance |
| 6. | No Longer A Boy | Alphonsine & Haki |
| 7. | Food Distribution | Everyone |
| 8. | Oil Lamps | Kasulu Kids |

ACT TWO

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| 9. | Photos | Everyone |
| 10. | Peace Tomorrow | Esperance |
| 11. | Flower Boy | JP & Friends |
| 12. | Chicken Knitters | Refugees & NGOs |
| 13. | Stars and Wind | Alphonsine & Haki |
| 14. | Parents' Waltz | Esperance, JP & Parents |
| 15. | Strong Enough | Kasulu Kids & NGOs |
| 16. | Kesho Amahoro | Everyone |



REGISTRATION

Act 1 Scene 1 – Music & Spoken

Everyone:

REGISTRATION!	x1
Welcome, line up, come on, what's your name?	x2
How do you spell it? Say that again! How do you spell it? Say that again!	x2
Who are you? Can I help? Are you lost? Who are you? Can I help? Are you lost?	x2
Blankets, blankets, get your blankets here!	x2
Pots and pans, pots and pans, come and get your pots and pans!	x2
Cups and tubs and bowls and buckets, cups and tubs and bowls and buckets	x2
Have you got a card? You need a card. Here, take this card!	x2
Medical assistance? Right this way. Ooh, mind that puddle!	
Jerry cans, jerry cans, jerry-jerry-jerry cans?	x2
Mum...Mum...where are we gonna sleep?	x2
I don't know darling, wait and see, in a blende tent I hope.	X2



REPEAT ABOVE ONCE – Everyone saying every line twice

REGISTRATION!	X1
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Esperance:

I just wanna LIVE...
With my brothers and sister

All siblings:

We've lost our parents you see
Can you help us?



EXPLOITS OF THE DAY

Act 1 Scene 2 – Song & Percussive

Kasulu Kids, Esperance and Family

I've been sweeping and cleaning and scrubbing all day
I wish I could have fun in some other way (*sweep and bang*)



I've been nicking and thieving some sodas and food
If I'm hungry it puts me in such a bad mood (*bang dustbin lids and crunch a can*)

CHORUS x2

***It's been a busy day, a crazy day, a typical day in Kasulu
A chaotic day, unpredictable day, just another day in Kasulu***

Walking and heaving, collecting firewood
It's such a hard job I wish they understood (*stamp & bang sticks and twigs*)

Running round camp with arrows and spears
Hunting a warthog with big hairy ears (*slapping arrows together*)

CHORUS x2

Collected bottle tops and threaded with string
Made a tambourine to ring-a-ding-ding (*jingle, jangle, shake and ring*)



I was playing football, I scored a goal
I ran around screaming right into a pole – ow! (*kick ball onto corrugated metal*)

CHORUS x5

1: normal

2&3: no instruments, just singing, clapping & percussion

4&5: normal, upbeat, loud

...Just another day in Kasulu x2



FLOWERS

Act 1 Scene 4 - Song

Esperance and Ancilla

Ancilla:

Flowers take time to grow, how do you know
We'll be here to watch them bloom?
You don't care if we stay here another day
Esperance, this isn't our home

Esperance:

These will bring colour and a smile, and I hope all the while
People know that they will move on
As they grow strong and bright and bold, we may move from the cold
Of this camp back to our real home

Ancilla and Esperance sing their verses at the same time.

Instrumental Interlude

Ancilla:

Flowers take time to grow, how do you know
We'll be here to watch them bloom?
You don't care if we stay here another day
Esperance, this isn't our home



Esperance:

These will bring colour and a smile, and I hope all the while
People know that they will move on
As they grow strong and bright and bold, we may move from the cold
Of this camp back to our real home

Ancilla and Esperance sing their verses at the same time.

MY RAINBOW

Act 1 Scene 5 - Song

Haki, Ancilla and Esperance

Ancilla: Trusting, knowing, I'll see you again
Esperance: Wishing, dreaming, of you
Esp & Anc: My rainbow, you're my rainbow,
You're my rainbow, I will follow you

Haki:
*My flame wavers, my light is going out
I feel so alone, I want to scream and shout
I miss you, I need you, I can't survive alone
Why is life so unfair?*

Ancilla: Trusting, knowing, I'll see you again
Esperance: Wishing, dreaming, of you
Esp & Anc: My rainbow, you're my rainbow,
You're my rainbow, I will follow you

Haki:
*My flame wavers, my light is going out
I feel so alone, I want to scream and shout
I miss you, I need you, I can't survive alone
Why is life so unfair?*



Esperance and Ancilla:
Trusting, knowing, I'll see you again
Wishing, dreaming, of you
My rainbow (*my rainbow*), you're My rainbow (*you're my rainbow*),
You're my rainbow, I will follow you (*harmony*)
My rainbow (*my rainbow*), you're my rainbow (*you're my rainbow*),
You're my rainbow, I will follow you (*harmony*)

My rainbow, you're my rainbow,
You're my rainbow, I will follow you (*harmony*)

INSIDE HIS/HER MIND
Act 1 Scene 7 - Song

Esperance and Jean-Pierre

Chorus

JP *What's going on inside her mind?*
ESP *What's going on inside his mind?*
I want to see if I can find
What's going on inside his/her mind?

JP Is she thinking what I'm thinking?
ESP I think about him all the time.
JP Is she feeling what I'm feeling?
ESP I feel like I could fly
JP Is she hoping what I'm hoping?
ESP I hope he feels the same
BOTH And maybe soon he/she'll let me know

Chorus

ESP Is he thinking what I'm thinking?
JP I think about her all the time.
ESP Is he feeling what I'm feeling?
JP I feel like I could fly
ESP Is he hoping what I'm hoping?
JP I hope she feels the same
BOTH And maybe soon he/she'll let me know



Chorus

Esp (harmony)

BOTH Is he/she thinking what I'm thinking?
BOTH I think about him/her all the time.
BOTH Is he/she feeling what I'm feeling?
BOTH I feel like I could fly
BOTH Is he/she hoping what I'm hoping?
BOTH I hope he/she feels the same
BOTH And maybe soon he/she'll let me know

Chorus – BOTH sing all four lines of chorus

NO LONGER A BOY

Act 1 Scene 8 - Song

Alphonsine and Haki

I'm warning you Haki, stay away from those guys
Before they bully you into using guns and knives
Please lower your fists, you don't have to fight,
Support our family, and support our plight.

***I'm not a kid any more, I can take care of myself
I know what I'm doing, I'm just trying to help
I make my own choices, I am the man now
My childhood died with Rwanda***

You've changed so much, I don't know you any more
Don't shut me out and make me feel ignored
We are the same people we were at home,
I'm here for you Haki, as you've always known

***Stop following me, you'll always be in my life
I'm trying to help us cope with all this pain and strife
Everything's changed, I'm no longer a boy
My childhood died with Rwanda***

(Repeat from beginning. Second time with drums and bass.)

***Everything's changed, I'm no longer a boy
My childhood died with Rwanda***

***Everything's changed, I'm no longer a boy
My childhood died with Rwanda***

***Everything's changed, I'm no longer a boy
My childhood died with Rwanda***

My childhood died with Rwanda

My childhood died with Rwanda...



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Act 1 Scene 9 – Dance & Percussion Rhythms

Everyone:

Body percussion routine – stamping and clapping. No music.

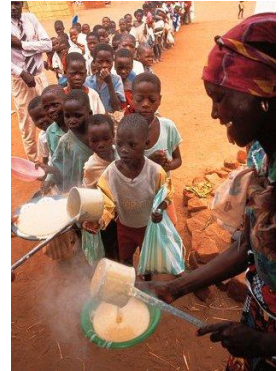
Props:

Metal food trays for 'clapping'

Plastic cups for 'slamming'

Large metal bowls with cups for scooping and pouring

Plastic tubs and bottles containing rice as shakers



High-fiving with metal food trays, knocking cups together like coconuts, spinning and sliding up-turned bowls on the floor, NGOs sliding utensils to each other etc.

Cheeky children running around, jumping queues, getting extra food and stealing food.

Action: lines queuing up for dried foods – beans, maize, rice, NGOs scooping and pouring into plastic bowls, clunking of clipping the ration card once they have received their allocation.



OIL LAMPS
Act 1 Scene 11 – Song & Music

Kasulu Kids:

Don't stop looking for me, I hope that you're alright,
I think about you every day, and every single night

Nobody tells me off, or tells me what to do,
I never wash behind my ears, and I haven't been to school

I hope our dog's okay, and running wild and free,
At times I feel so alone, are you coming to find me?

Chorus:

I am...hoping...to see your face again

I am...praying...we'll be together again

I don't really like it here, strange faces everywhere
I have holes in my shoes, and I have no more clothes to wear

When I was hunting hogs, I fell and cut my knee,
And when I'm feeling scared, my friends keep annoying me

I want to know where you are, then I'll come and find you
We'll be a family again, with all the things we loved and knew

Chorus x4



PHOTOS
Act 2 Scene 1 – Song and Hectic Scene

NGOs, Kasulu Kids and Refugees

(With background heckling, complaining, shoving & camera flashes.)

NGO Workers:

*Come over here and let me take your picture
Come over here and let me take your picture*

Group One (Men):

Hey you, you've gotta get in line
Stop pushing in, pushing in, pushing in, HEY! x2

NGO Workers:

Come over here and let me take your picture

Group Two (Women):

Is my bum big in this? Is my hair OK?
Stop fussing and fussing and fussing, you look fine. x2

NGO Workers:

Come over here and let me take your picture

Group Three (Mother and Child):

Come here darling, let me clean your face.
That's disgusting, disgusting, disgusting, leave me alone!
Come here darling, let me clean your face.
That's disgusting – leave me alone!

NGO Workers:

Come over here and let me take your picture

Group One then Group One and Two

Group Two then Group Two and Three

Group Three then Group Three and One

Group One, Two and Three x2



PEACE TOMORROW Act 2 Scene 2 - Song

Esperance - Solo

There are times when I think life just isn't fair
Strife and struggle is my game
In the end I know that fate will play its part
But what I really hope is that things don't stay the same

*I'm trying not to cry, or heave a heavy sigh
But I am torn apart inside
And I keep asking why, my brother had to die
For money and his pride and family
But I'll be strong and brave
And know that there'll be peace tomorrow*



What we need is faith that life will soon improve
Pain and hurt will all subside
We'll unite and live our lives so peacefully
And over time we'll find all our wounds will heal inside

*I'm trying not to cry, or heave a heavy sigh
But I am torn apart inside
And I keep asking why, my brother had to die
For money and his pride and family
But I'll be strong and brave
And know that there'll be peace tomorrow*

Interlude (ah...)

*I'm trying not to cry, or heave a heavy sigh
But I am torn apart inside
And I keep asking why, my brother had to die
For money and his pride and family
But I'll be strong and brave
And know that there'll be peace tomorrow*

FLOWER BOY

Act 2 Scene 4 – Song/Rap & Dance

Jean-Pierre, Ancilla and Friends (all male)

Chorus:

*Flower boy flower boy JP!
Flower boy flower boy JP!
Flower boy flower boy JP...
You're a flower boy!*

Hey there, pansy boy,
What on earth do ya think your doin'?
You think your flowers will impress the girls,
But you've got another thing comin'!

Flower power, flower power's,
For girls like you, you pansy
So get your head on straight and come with us
Or we'll tell her she's who you fancy



Chorus

You make such a lovely couple,
Just you and your Kimbo jar,
When you're having a conversation
I doubt you get very far!



Esperance, oh Esperance
I'm planting a flower for you
I think about you all the time
Tell me you love me too

Chorus x2



CHICKEN KNITTERS

Act 2 Scene 5 – Poem & Music

NGO workers, Refugee Men and Women

Knitting Mothers:

*Knit, knit, knit, sit, sit, sit
That's all I do all day
Cluck, cluck, cluck, I wish I was a duck,
Then I could fly away...
From all this knitting, chatting and sitting,*

*In a place I don't want to stay.
In the hope that I'll see my child again
In return for looking after Faye.*



New Refugee(s):

How does it work, this chicken bank?
I'm really rather confused.
What do I get, a chicken or an egg?
And how on earth do I choose?

Old Refugee(s):

In return for a chicken, you get two chicks
And you pop them in the chicken bank
When I first did it, last year in March
Mine died and my heart sank!

My son named it Nelson, made him a home
And they became good friends
Until I squashed it by mistake one day
And that was truly the end...of

That poor chicken's life and my son's friend
So I asked for another one
Luckily they agreed and home he came
And Charlie the chicken lives on

In our 'back yard' under the baobab tree
With a rabbit and a guinea pig
Would I recommend you try it? Yeah, why not?
You'll have fun, don't you think?!

STARS AND WIND

Act 2 Scene 6 - Song

Alphonsine and Haki (ghost/spirit)

Alphonsine:

*I see your face in the stars
I hear your voice in the wind
You'll always be in my heart
I miss you, I miss you*

I keep forgetting you've gone
Then I look around the table
I see your empty chair and remember that you're not there
Hmm...

*I see your face in the stars
I hear your voice in the wind
You'll always be in my heart
I miss you, I miss you*

There is an ache in my heart
I feel like I'm missing something
You have divided my soul, without you I don't feel whole
Hmm...

*I see your face in the stars
I hear your voice in the wind
You'll always be in my heart
I miss you, I miss you*

Haki and Alphonsine:

A: *I see your face in the stars*
H: *I hear your voice in the wind*
A: *You'll always be in my heart*
H: *I miss you*
A: *I miss you*

BOTH (Alphonsine harmony):

*I see your face in the stars
I hear your voice in the wind
You'll always be in my heart
I miss you, I miss you, I miss you*



PARENTS' WALTZ
Act 2 Scene 9 – Song & Dance

Mother, Father, Esperance and Jean-Pierre – At graveside

PARENTS:

We know that your life will be long
And we know that you will be strong
To care for your sister and brother



You must always persevere
And promise you will never fear
The thought of losing each other

CHORUS - PARENTS:

*You have the right and the will to survive
You'll lead the way and help keep everyone alive
You'll be OK if you just learn to trust your heart and soul
You're strong enough and you'll always know...*

PARENTS repeat verse with harmony

ESP & JP repeat chorus

*We have the right and the will to survive
We'll lead the way and help keep everyone alive
We'll be OK if we just learn to trust our heart and soul
We're strong enough and we'll always know...*

ESP:

*I have the right and the will to survive
I'll lead the way and help keep everyone alive
I'll be OK if I just learn to trust my heart and soul
I'm strong enough and I'll always know...*

ESP & JP

*We're strong enough and we'll always know...
We're strong enough and we'll always know...(harmony)*

STRONG ENOUGH

Act 2 Scene 10 - Song

Kasulu Kids and NGO Jim – Hiding Ishi and Alphonsine

*We're strong enough, we're brave enough
To make it through another day
If the road is long, and our hearts are torn
We'll battle on and then we'll say
We are STRONG together
We will SEARCH forever
And hope for a better world, today*

If we hide our fear, we can disappear
From the threat of tearing families apart
We'll stick together, now and forever
And look out for each other from the start

We will fight for our right to a better life
And help each other on the way
Journey down the road as we ease our load
Strong and determined we will stay

(Return to start of song)

Chorus x2

*We are STRONG together
We will SEARCH forever
And hope for a better world, today...*



KESHO AMAHORO
Act 2 Scene 12 - Song

Esperance, Jean-Pierre and Whole Cast

Esperance:

*I've come to say goodbye, no longer will I cry
I'll take you with me in my heart
You'll always be my guide, walk with me by my side
And comfort me when I'm falling apart
I will be strong and brave
And know that there'll be peace tomorrow*



What we need is faith that life will soon improve
Pain and hurt will all subside
We'll unite and live our lives so peacefully
And over time we'll find all our wounds will heal inside

Chorus

Esperance and JP:

Hope and pray Rwanda will be safe some day
Free from hate and tyranny
Calm and peace will wash away the bleeding land
We'll link our arms with pride, hold our heads with dignity

*We've come to say goodbye, no longer will we cry
We'll take you with us in our hearts
You'll always be our guide, walk with us by our side
And comfort us when we're falling apart
We will be strong and brave
And know that kesho amahoro*



Whole Cast Chant:

Kesho...amahoro...kesho...amahoro...kesho...amahoro...

Esperance and JP:

*We will be strong and brave
And know that there'll be peace...*
(whole cast) **TOMORROW**