A Pierrette Gargallo

CANTO NEGRO
A Negro Song

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Ligero

¡Yam - bam - bó,
Yam - bam - bo,

yam - bam - bé!   Re - pi - ca el con - go so - lon - go,   re -
yam - bam - bey!   Oh   hear the roar - ing jun - gle sound,   The

pi - ca el ne - gro bien ne - gro: A - ó - e!____
black man and his voice re - sound,   Ah - o - ay!____

ju - ma,___ ma - ma-tom-ba se-rem- bé cu-sa-rem bá,
sing - ing,___ *Look! they're sing-ing and they're danc-ing all a-round,*

el ne-gro se a-ju-may can - ta.___ Ma - ma-tom-ba se-rem-
Giv - ing off smoke while they're sing - ing.___ Look! they're sing-ing and they're

be cu-se-rem bá, el ne-gro can - tay se - va.___
danc-ing all a-round; First, hear him sing, then a - way.___

A - cue-me-me se - rem - bó a-
Hav - ing danced, they now will rest, ah-

- é.
- ay,

yam-bam-bó   a - é

Yam-bam-bo,   ah - ay,

yam-bam-bé   a - ó _____

yam-bam-bay,   ah - oh. _____

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Tam - ba, tam - ba,   tam - ba, tam - ba,   tam - ba del ne-gro que

See   the loin-cloth   mov -   ing, twist-ing,   turn -   ing, When-ev - er he

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tum - ba; ___   tam - ba del ne-gro, ca - ram - ba,   ca -

tum - bles; ___   Wild - er and wild-er the   dance   gets,   my

poco - a - poco - - cresc.

-ram - ba, _____ ca - ram - ba, que el ne-gro
good - ness! _____ Good gra - cious! how he does

tum - ba! ¡yam - bá, yam - bó,
tum - ble! Yam - bah, yam - bo,

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yam - bam - bé! yam - bam - bó! yam - bam - bé!
Yam - bam - bay, yam - bam - bo, Yam - bam - bay!

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bai - la yam-bo so-bre un pié. _____
And he danc - es on one toe. _____

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