

The Tempest

7. Spellbound

- SONG *Ah mmm. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.
Ah mmm. And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- CARRIE Hello, this is Carrie Grant. The arrangement to 'Spellbound' has a lovely African flavour. I'd like to use one of the phrases to get our mouths moving. Listen then sing it after me.
- ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- ALL *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- CARRIE Yes - it's a bit of a tongue twister! That's why it's a good warm-up. Try it again after me.
- ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- ALL *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- CARRIE Okay, we'll sing that phrase through four times taking a good breath each time. Make sure you open your mouths and use your lips. 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- ALL *ya waya ya wa ya yeh
ya waya ya wa ya yeh
ya waya ya wa ya yeh
ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- CARRIE That's good - we've warmed up *and* learned part of the song! 'Spellbound' has three verses and you'll hear little African touches at various points during the song too. This is how it begins:
- SONG *Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh
Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- CARRIE So, sounds easy doesn't it? We have -



Ah mmm

followed by the bit you've already sung. Try it then - after 4. 1, 2, 3, 4 –

ALL *Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh

CARRIE Split into two groups this time: one group singing the 'Ah mmm' bit and the other group singing the bit we warmed up on. Here we go! 1, 2, 3, 4 -

GROUP 1 *Ah mmm*

GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*

GROUP 1 *Ah mmm*

GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*

CARRIE Good. Let's try the first verse now. I'm going to sing the first line and you repeat it after a count in. We'll do the same with the second line.

I dreamed that I had found the answer,

3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I dreamed that I had found the answer,*

CARRIE *a magic book could set me free.*

3, 4, 1 -

ALL *a magic book could set me free.*

CARRIE Let's try these two lines without me singing them first - I'll give you 3, 4, 1.
3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I dreamed that I had found the answer,*
a magic book could set me free.

CARRIE Right, on to the next two lines...

But now I've come to understand
that I was just spellbound,



3, 4, 1 -

ALL *But now I've come to understand
that I was just spellbound,*

CARRIE *and if you're a prisoner of your dream
then no meaning can be found.*

2, 3 -

ALL *and if you're a prisoner of your dream
then no meaning can be found.*

CARRIE Okay. Let's sing these two lines together. After 3, 4, 1. 3, 4, 1 -

ALL *But now I've come to understand
that I was just spellbound,*

CARRIE 1, 2, 3 -

ALL *and if you're a prisoner of your dream
then no meaning can be found.*

CARRIE And you can sing the whole of Verse 1 now! 3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I dreamed that I had found the answer,
a magic book could set me free.*

CARRIE 3, 4, 1 -

*But now I've come to understand
that I was just spellbound,
and if you're a prisoner of your dream
then no meaning can be found.*

CARRIE On to the second verse. Repeat each line after I bring you in -

I dreamed that I'd be top banana.

3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I dreamed that I'd be top banana.*

CARRIE *I'd serve my lord on bended knee.*



3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I'd serve my lord on bended knee.*

CARRIE *And all the time we wandered round
like fishes in the sea*

3, 4, 1 -

ALL *And all the time we wandered round
like fishes in the sea*

CARRIE *and now all our dreams have broken down,
what is lost cannot be found.*

2, 3 -

ALL *and now all our dreams have broken down,
what is lost cannot be found.*

CARRIE Try the whole second verse yourselves now. I'll count you in the first time
3, 4, 1. 3, 4, 1 -

ALL *I dreamed that I'd be top banana.
I'd serve my lord on bended knee.
And all the time we wandered round
like fishes in the sea
and now all our dreams have broken down,
what is lost cannot be found.*

CARRIE I don't need to teach you Verse 3 - but I do want to go over the link which
goes into it. Listen first...

*Ah mmm. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.
Ah mmm. And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*

As well as the 'Ah mmm' bit we learned earlier, you will have heard another line of music to words that come straight from Shakespeare's play. Listen first and come in after 3, 4, 1 -

Ah mmm. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.

CARRIE 3, 4, 1 -



- ALL *Ah mmm. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- CARRIE Then you hear another 'Ah mmm' - which is followed by this:
And our little life is rounded with a sleep.
- CARRIE You now. 1, 2 -
- ALL *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- CARRIE Let's see if we can join that all together now. Way back at the start of this song, we had one group doing the 'Ah mmm' bit so that group stay on that part while everyone else sings the words we have just learned. Let's try it - with the 'Ah mmm's coming in first after 4. 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- GROUP 1 *Ah mmm.*
- CARRIE 3, 4, 1 -
- GROUP 2 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- GROUP 1 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- CARRIE Now I'd better teach you the *coda* - or the ending - of 'Spellbound'. It's in three parts - and the good news is you already know them! We just need to sort out the groups. So! We have a group which sang the words 'We are such stuff that dreams are made on'. You're Group 1. I'd like the remainder of you to be split into two groups. Group 2 will sing 'ya waya ya wa ya yey' and Group 3, you should sing the 'Ah mmm'. Right, let's try that now in our three groups. Try to sing it as marked in the music - *diminuendo* - which means get quieter, all the way to the end where it becomes *pianissimo* - very quiet. I'll bring you in each time. 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- 3, 4, 1 -
- GROUP 1 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*



- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- 3, 4, 1 -
- GROUP 1 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- CARRIE You now. 1, 2 -
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- CARRIE 1, 2, 3, 4 -
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 1 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- CARRIE Time to perform the whole song now. Goodbye from me - and good luck!

Introduction

- ALL *Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
Ah mmm ya waya ya wa ya yeh



Verse 1

[Prospero]

*I dreamed that I had found the answer,
a magic book could set me free.
But now I've come to understand
that I was just spellbound,
and if you're a prisoner of your dream
then no meaning can be found.*

Verse 2

[Stephano]

I dreamed that I'd be top banana.

[Caliban]

I'd serve my lord on bended knee.

[Stephano, Caliban and Trinculo]

*And all the time we wandered round
like fishes in the sea
and now all our dreams have broken down,
what is lost cannot be found.*

Link to Verse 3

*Ah mmm. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.
Ah mmm. And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*

Verse 3

[Ferdinand and Miranda]

*I dreamed that joy could last forever,
A brave new world where love is all.*

[Antonio and Sebastian]

*Toledo steel, Toledo steel,
the finest in the land,
but now it means no more to me
than a castle in the sand.*

Ending – sung in groups

GROUP 3

Ah mmm.

GROUP 1

We are such stuff as dreams are made on.

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- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 1 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 1 *We are such stuff as dreams are made on.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 1 *And our little life is rounded with a sleep.*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*
- GROUP 3 *Ah mmm.*
- GROUP 2 *ya waya ya wa ya yeh*

