

## BREATHS

(paroles adaptées d'un poème de Birago Diop. Musique : Ysaye M. Barnwell, Sweet Honey in the Rock)

**Voix 1:** Bm, bm bm bm bm bm  
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**Voix 2 :** Bum Bum Ba Dee Da Dum  
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**Voix 3 (option jusqu'au Coda) :** Ba dum bum be da  
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### Sopranes + Altis :

Listen more often to things than to people,  
Listen more often to things than to people,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters, Za-ah... Whssh Aahh Whssh

Those who have died have never, never left.  
They're of and not under the earth.  
They are in the rustling trees,  
They are in the groaning woods,  
They are in the smiling grass,  
They are in the moaning rocks.  
They're of and not under the earth.

So listen more often to things than to people,  
Listen more often to things than to people,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters, Za-ah... Whssh Aahh Whssh

Those who have died have never, never left.  
They sing and they sigh with the living.  
They are in the woman's breast,  
They are in the wailing child,  
They are with you in your homes,  
They are with you in the crowd.  
They sing and they sigh with the living.

So listen more often to things than to people,  
Listen more often to things than to people,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard,  
'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters, Za-ah... Whssh Aahh Whssh

### CODA (presque chuchoté et allant vers un simple souffle (sshh))

*Entrées: Alto 1 "Listen more" / Soprane "Listen more" / Alto 2 "Listen more" – une seule note*

ALTO 1	SOPRANE	ALTO 2 (1 seule note)
Listen more often to things than to beings, Listen more often to things than to beings, 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard, 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters, za-ahh. Whssh Whssh Whssh sshh	Listen more often to things than to beings, Listen more often to things than to beings, 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard, 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters, za-ahh. Whssh Whssh Whssh sshh	Listen more often to things than to beings, Listen more often to things than to beings, Listen more often to things than to beings, 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters  Whssh Whssh Whssh sshh