

**I Am African
(And You Are Too)**

Swahili greeting:
*Sisi ni watoto wa
Afrika ... jambo!**

grandmother left home
three thousand lifespans ago
adventuring forth

inching around globe
cave-steads lent safety from threat
warm respite from pain

Eurocentric myth
“invasive species” is us
who’s the next “native”?

our bloodlines alloy
we're all family, my friend
African cousins



* (italics) "We are all children of Africa ... hello!"

Photo: From our home collection of mom-baby art, gathered by mom-baby nurse Susan