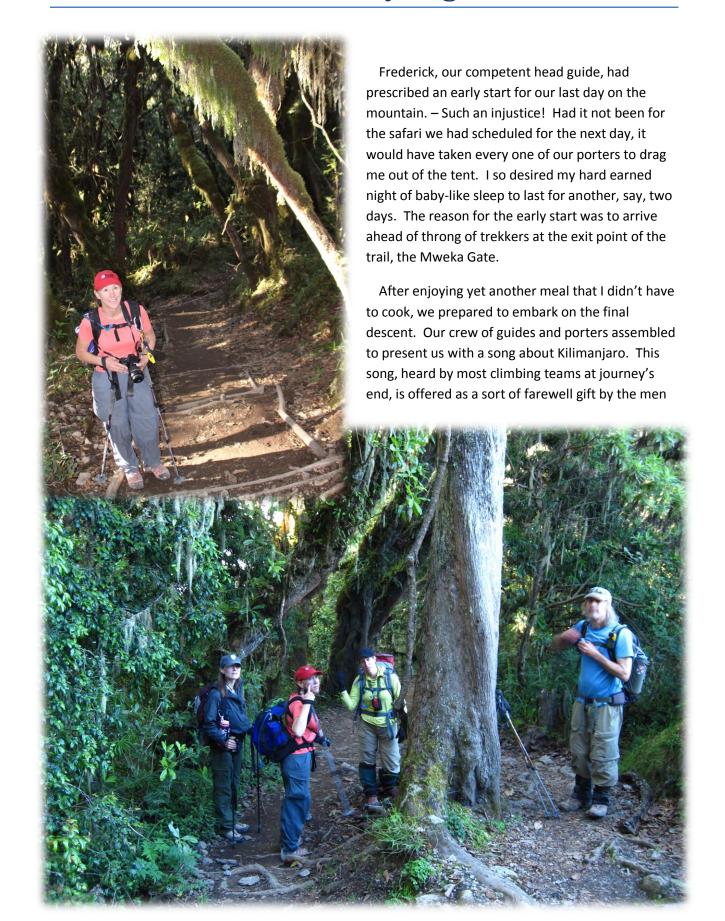
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who so admirably strained their bodies on behalf of their clients. To the porters, the song has surely lost its luster, but to us it was a welcomed treat. A round of warm handshakes ensued as each porter received an envelope containing a monetary gesture of appreciation. All that they had done for us was far more valuable than anything we could offer them.

We savored another beautiful day as we clamored through the dense foliage of the rainforest canopy. We applied 5100 vertical feet worth of knee pounding torture to our tired bodies while pressing towards the final stop, the Mweka Gate. A brief rest was allowed while we were entertained by our first exotic wildlife sighting, monkeys! Both blue monkeys and colobus monkeys darted from branch to branch and sprung from tree to tree in a lively display of "monkeying around." After snapping a few photos, it was back to traipsing down the trail.





