

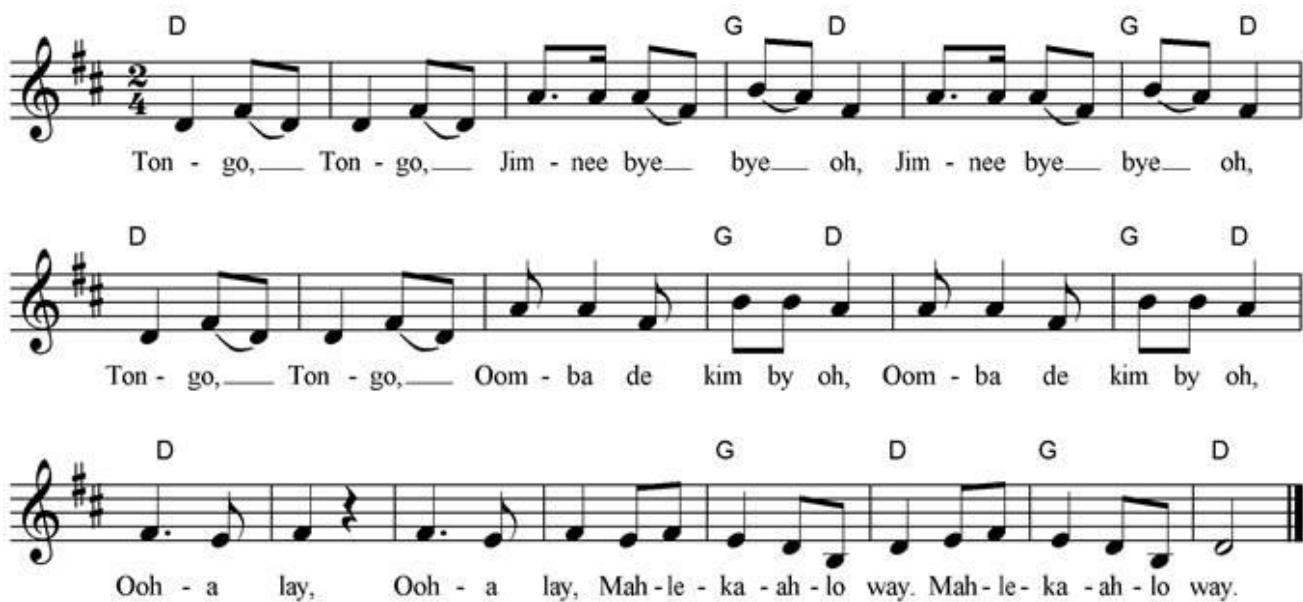
Tongo

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A traditional call and response song from The Solomon Islands, Polynesia. The song depicts people in different long boats communicating with each other over the water. Tongo means mangrove in Polynesian.

Initially the leader can be the teacher; once children are more confident children at the front of each boat can be the leader, but each time the song is a leader from the bak moves to the front to take this role.

Children sit in groups, one in front of the other with arms outstretched. Move together rowing, throwing nets or clapping.



Ton - go, — Ton - go, — Jim - nee bye — bye — oh, Jim - nee bye — bye — oh,
Ton - go, — Ton - go, — Oom - ba de kim by oh, Oom - ba de kim by oh,
Ooh - a lay, Ooh - a lay, Mah - le - ka - ah - lo way. Mah - le - ka - ah - lo way.

Leader: Tongo,
Group: Tongo,

Leader: Jimnee bye bye oh,
Group: Jimnee bye bye oh,

Leader: Tongo,
Group: Tongo,

Leader: Oom ba de kim by oh,
Group: Oom ba de kim by oh,

Leader: Ooh a lay,
Group: Ooh a lay,

Leader: Mah le ka ah lo way.
Group: Mah le ka ah lo way.

