

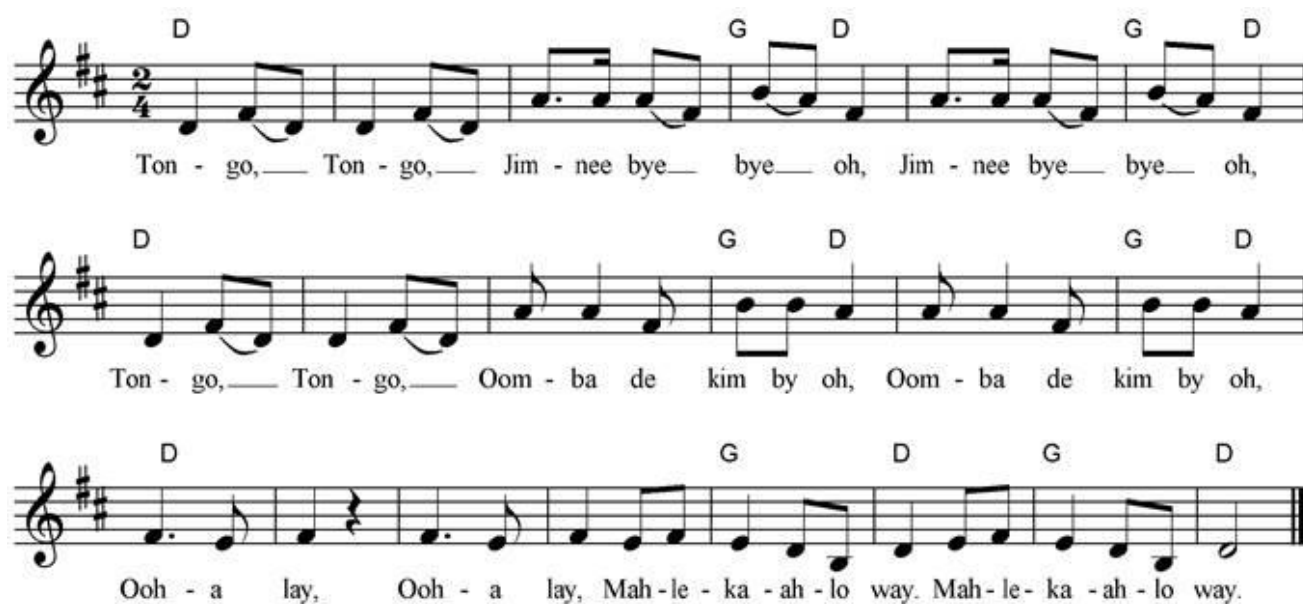
# Tongo

<https://riverofsong.uk/>

*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.***



Leader: Tongo,  
Group: Tongo,

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

Leader: Tongo,  
Group: Tongo,

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

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

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

