

Junkanoo

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Spread the joy! A lively round and great calypso rhythm; accompany with percussion. The festival of Junkanoo is celebrated in the Bahamas and Jamaican at Christmas time. The festivities include street parades with singers, dancers, and people playing instruments – drums, bells, and flutes. The singers and dancers wear masks, such as the faces of cows and sheep. This song was written by the talented musician, Jan Holstock when she visited the Bahamas in the 1970s to support teachers learning how to teach music.

We've got a bell, We've got a drum, Jun - ka - noo has be - gun! Feel that Goom-bay beat,
Giv - ing life to our dan - cing feet, Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's on hol - i - day, We'll dance the
hours a - way. Now its time for Jun - ka - noo, Come on! Let's go!



We've got a bell,
We've got a drum
Junkanoo has begun.
Feel that Goombay beat,
Giving life to our dancing feet.
Everybody's on holiday,
We'll dance the hours away.
Now its time for Junkanoo,
Come on! Lets go!

