

# Pass the pebble on

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*A Ghanaian children's song found in Scholastics 'Singing and dancing games' published in 1987, I still have the cassette! The English translation of the African words is: 'Tell the ship that is leaving to wait for a message; if you go send my greetings to King Taki. I am going to Adabraka to find a place.'*

**Children kneel in a circle, each child has a bean bag.**

**1. Sing the song through clapping the first and third beat of the bar; supported by a steady drum beat. 2. Children pass their bean bag to the right on the first beat and and swing arm back to pick up the next one on the second beat. 3. Children have achieved this steady movement play the drum at a faster speed. 4. Continue to increase speed. If a child drops the beanbag they stand outside the circle clapping to the beat with the drummer.**



C F G7 C  
Pass the peb-ble on, Try to keep it stead-y. Pass the peb-ble on,

F G7 C G7 C  
Try to keep it stead-y. You'll soon be out if you don't move in time to the beat! You'll

C G7 C  
soon be out if you don't move in time to the beat!

Pass the pebble on,  
Try to keep it steady.  
Pass the pebble on,  
Try to keep it steady.  
You'll soon be out if you don't move  
In time to the beat!  
You'll soon be out if you don't move  
In time to the beat!

Mɛlɛ ni yaa ɛɛ ɔ̃amoshe mɛ shebo  
Mɛlɛ ni yaa ɛɛ ɔ̃amoshe mɛ shebo  
Kɛ otay yaakɛ manchɛ Taki akɛ mingbi  
Kɛ nigbɛ woyaa woyaa ʔda braka wuamo gbayɛɛ.

