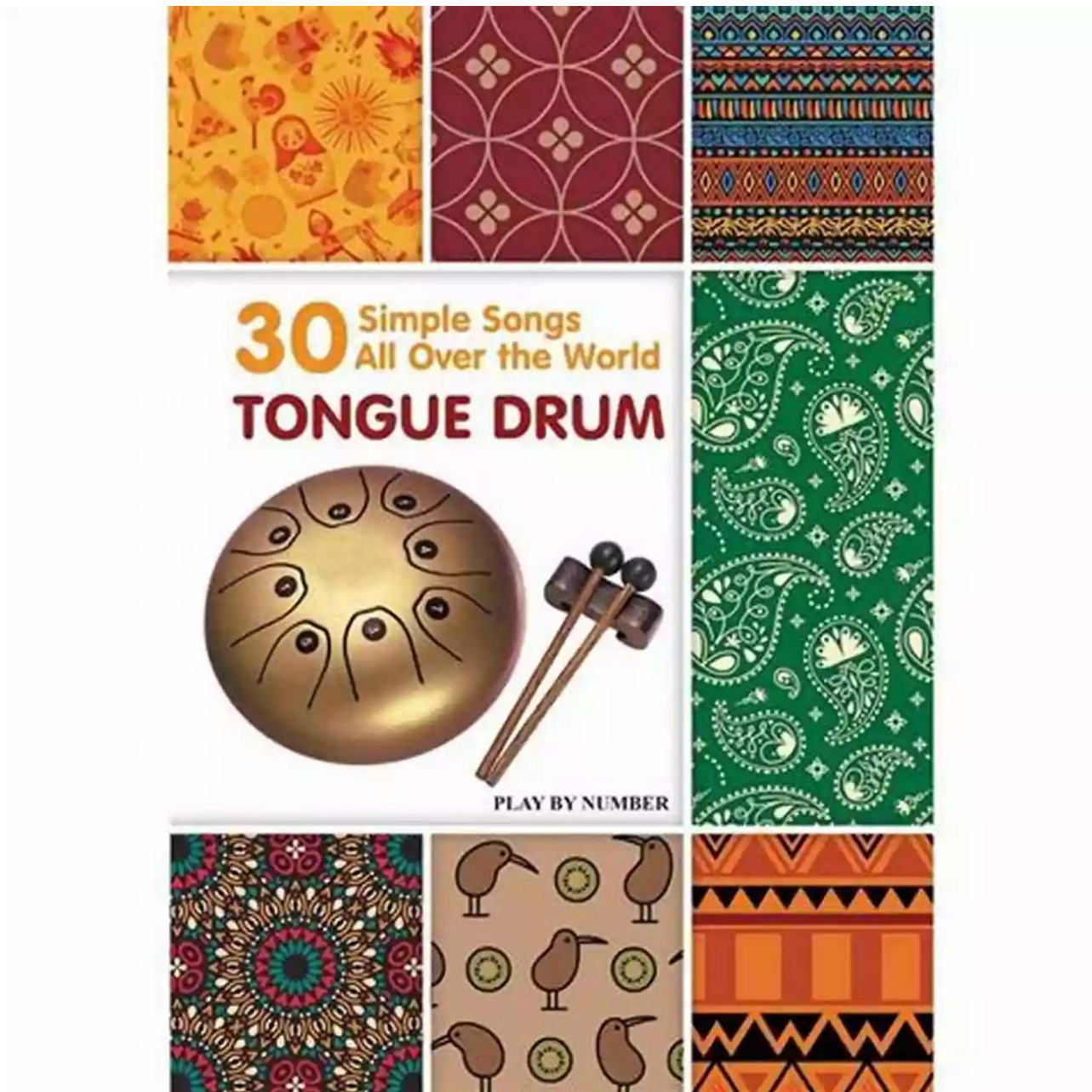


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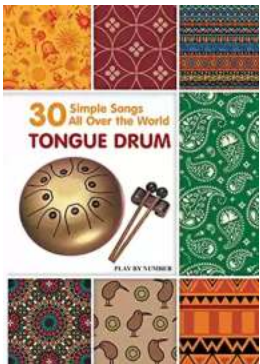


Are you looking for a unique and versatile musical instrument that can create beautiful melodies? Look no further than the tongue drum! With its simple design and easy-to-play nature, the tongue drum has gained popularity all over the

world. In this article, we will explore 30 simple songs from various cultures around the globe that can be played on a tongue drum.

The Tongue Drum: A Musical Marvel

The tongue drum, also known as the tank drum or hank drum, is a percussion instrument that originated in Trinidad and Tobago. Its name comes from the drum's tongue-like protrusions placed on its surface, which are struck to produce melodic tones. It is a versatile instrument that can be played using hands, mallets, or even drumsticks, making it accessible to both beginners and experienced musicians.



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One of the reasons why the tongue drum has become so popular is its simplicity. It does not require any prior knowledge of music theory or complex techniques, making it a perfect choice for those who want to explore their musical abilities. Its intuitive nature allows anyone, regardless of age or experience, to create beautiful melodies and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of playing a musical instrument.

Exploring Simple Songs from Around the World

Now, let's dive into the fascinating world of tongue drum music. We will explore 30 simple songs from various cultures, each offering a unique melodic experience and a glimpse into the rich musical heritage of different regions.

1. Sakura - Japan

Bound for South Australia

Australian Folk Song

5, 3 5, 5, i 6| 5, 5, 6| 5, 5

In South Aus - tra - lia I was born, heav-

6| 5, 5, 3 3 5, 5, 3 2 1

haul a - way, In South Aus - tra - lia we're

3 5, 5, 3 2 1 : i 5,

bound for South Aus - tra - lia, you rol - ling king,

6| 5, i i i

Heav - a - way, heavy a - way, oh,

5, 1 2 3 5, 5, 3 2 1

hear me sing, We're bound for South Aus - tra - lia.

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Sakura, meaning cherry blossom, is a traditional Japanese folk song that embodies the beauty of the ephemeral nature of life. Playing this melody on a

tongue drum evokes a sense of tranquility and contemplation.

2. Greensleeves – England

Giro Giro Tondo

Italian Folk Song

Gi - ro gi - ro ton - do,
Gi - ra il mon - do,
Gi - ra la ter - ra,
tut - ti gia per ter - ra!

Giro giro tondo, l'angelo e biondo,
biondo e il grano, tutti ci sediamo!
Giro goro tondo, ora ti cirondo
come una siambella, tutti gia per terra!

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This well-known English folk tune dates back to the 16th century and has been covered by countless artists throughout the years. The mellow tones of the tongue drum give it a unique twist, making it an enjoyable rendition for all.

3. Guantanamera – Cuba



Originating from Cuba, Guantanamera is a popular song celebrated across the globe. Its catchy rhythm and infectious melody make it a great choice for tongue drum enthusiasts who want to embrace the vibrant sounds of Latin music.

These are just a few examples of the diverse range of songs that can be played on a tongue drum. By experimenting with different melodies from various

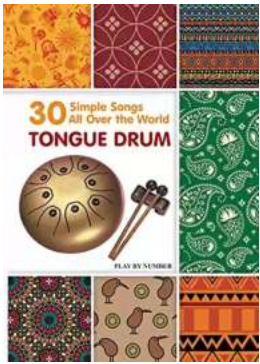
cultures, you can broaden your musical horizons and create a unique musical experience.

Benefits of Playing the Tongue Drum

Aside from the joy of creating beautiful melodies, playing the tongue drum provides numerous benefits for both mental and physical well-being. Here are some of the advantages you can gain by incorporating this instrument into your life:

- **Stress Relief:** The calming and repetitive nature of playing the tongue drum can reduce stress levels, promoting relaxation and mindfulness.
- **Improved Hand-Eye Coordination:** The rhythmic patterns and finger movements required to play the tongue drum enhance hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.
- **Enhanced Creativity:** Exploring different melodies and improvising on the tongue drum encourages creative thinking and self-expression.
- **Increased Focus:** Playing the tongue drum requires concentration and focus, helping to improve attention span and mental agility.
- **Social Connection:** Joining a tongue drum circle or playing with others allows for a communal musical experience, fostering social connections and a sense of belonging.

The tongue drum is a remarkable instrument that offers a world of musical possibilities. Whether you are a seasoned musician or a complete beginner, its simplicity and versatility make it a joy to play and explore. By learning and playing 30 simple songs from various cultures, you can immerse yourself in the melodic beauty of different regions and experience the therapeutic benefits of this unique instrument.



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The steel tongue drum (aka tong drum, tank drum, gluck-o-phone, Hapi drum, mandala, or lotus drum) and the handpan (aka hank drum, UFO drum, zen drum) are percussion musical instruments designed to help you focus on your feelings, sensations, and body. You don't need classical music training or knowledge of music theory to play them. The main purpose is relaxation, meditation, and traveling through your inner world.

No previous training or skills are necessary to enjoy these fascinating instruments. It is impossible to play them incorrectly. Anyone can play them: those who want to develop a good sense of rhythm and an ear for music, those who are seeking relaxation after a hard day at work, those who have always had an interest in learning how to play a musical instrument, and those who want to introduce something unusual into their lives and explore their inner selves.

This book is aimed at those who want to add popular melodies to their experimentation.

We use numbers above the classic notes because most modern tongue drums have numbers engraved or painted on their keys. This is great for the absolute

beginner who cannot read sheet music.

Because most tongue drums include and are tuned to involve the notes of the main octave, all songs from this book are possible to play in one octave.

Each tongue drum is very different and it is impossible to accommodate songs for all kinds of tongue drums in one book. The songs which have been collected in this book can be played on most drum models. If you have less than 1 octave of keys on your drum, you may need to skip some songs. However, if your drum has many sharp notes, you will need a book that contains chromatic songs. Here, we have collected only simplified diatonic melodies.

Attention: Songs have been transposed for a DIATONIC range. Some melodies might be changed and simplified. If you have flat keys on your instrument, it is recommended that you use the classic sheet music for piano..

This book includes simple, popular traditional folk songs from 30 countries.

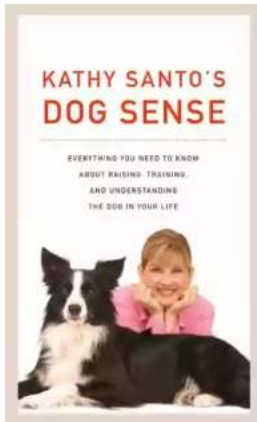
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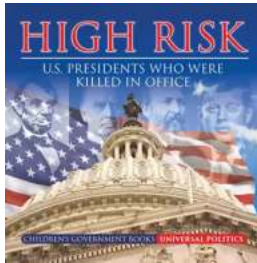
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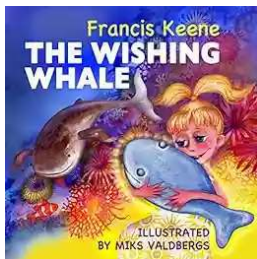
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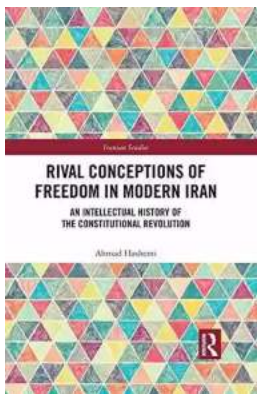
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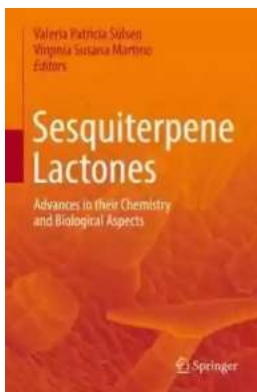
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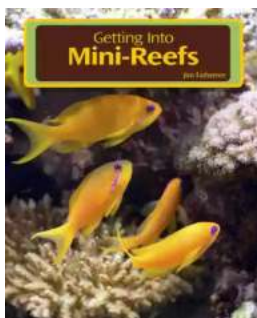
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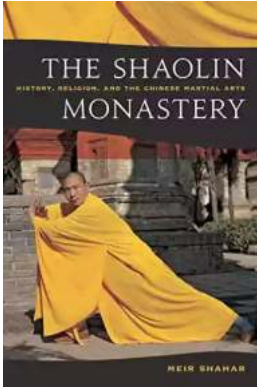
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