

Tongo

Traditional canoe song from the Solomon Islands

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Sop

The musical score is written for a Soprano voice in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Some notes are marked with an 'x', indicating they are not to be sung. The score includes dynamic markings like 'mf' and various performance instructions such as 'steady claps', 'bass calls Tongo', and 'Bass calls Jim nee'. The lyrics are: 'Ton- go Ton- go', 'Jim nee by- e by- e oh Ton- go', 'Oom ba de kim bye oh', 'Ton- go Oo a lay', 'Mah le ka ah lo way', 'Ton- go Ton- go', 'Jim nee by- e by- e oh', and 'Oom ba de kim bye oh Oo a lay'.

mf
Ton- go Ton- go

7
Ton- go

13
Jim nee by- e by- e oh Ton- go

19
Oom ba de kim bye oh

25
Ton- go Oo a lay

31 **steady claps** **steady claps**
Mah le ka ah lo way

37 **steady claps cont.** **bass calls Tongo** **bass calls Tongo**
Ton- go Ton- go

43 **Bass calls Jim nee** **Bass calls Oom ba**
Jim nee by- e by- e oh

49 **Bass calls oalay**
Oom ba de kim bye oh Oo a lay

Tongo soprano

55
Mah le ka ah lo way

61
Ton- go Ton- go Ton- go Ton- go

67
steady claps
Mah le ka ah lo way

73
Ton-go Ton- go Jim nee-by- e by- e oh

79
Oom ba de kim bye oh

85
Oo a lay Mah le ka ah lo way

91
Ton- go

97
Ton- go

103
Mah le ka ah lo way Mah le ka ah lo way

109