

A Child's Thanksgiving

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Very slowly and thoughtfully
Harmonize with E and B pitched tone bars

Voice

Thank you for the food I eat. Thank you for my home.
Thank you for the books I read. For the clothes I wear.

Thank you for the bed I sleep in. Thank you for this song.
Thank you for my fam - i - ly and for the love we share.

Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai. Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai.
Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai. Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai.

Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai. Bum bum bum bum
Bum bum bi - di bum bum bum bai. Bum bum bum bum

bai. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
bai. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

This song can be beautifully accompanied with E and B tone chimes or Orff bars.
All the children can play. Or choose just one child to play both bells or chimes in an alternating motion with their arms, imitating the 'ding-dong' of tower bells.

While the 4/4 section is very deliberate and steady, the 6/8 section should be almost dance-like.
Children can join hands to move in a circle or sit together and swing hands.

Many traditional songs or folk music use multiple meters in one song. While this song is a new one, it was composed to have a flavor of more ancient, cultural music.