

Omochio Tsukimasho

Name of Song or Rhyme

“Omochio tsukimasho”

Rhyme

First line of song or rhyme (text only)

Song type

Use a checkmark (✓) or “X” in appropriate boxes

Melodic	Melodic/Cultural Analysis	Rhythmic/Uses Analysis	Rhythmic
M1. CSP	Source's Starting Pitch:	2/4	R1. Meter
M2. Scale		♩ = 108	R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset		♪♪/♪♪/♪	R3. Note values
M4. Range		☐ Outer: ☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form		☐ Iso ☒ Hetero A B C B	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences		8 8 8 8	R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals		☒ Iso ☐ Bi ☐ Tri ☐ Hetero ☒ Tetra ☐ Other:	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases		A: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ B: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ C: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩	R8. Target Phrases
M9. M. Diffic.			R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other			R10. Other
Cultural			Classroom Use
C1. Context	Clapping game	Actual Verses on Page 2	U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	Japanese		U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Japan		U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Marc Keehmer (2020, March 27). <i>Omochio Tsukimasho Clapping Game</i> [Video]. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TwayiE1JFQ	Additional Room on Page 2 See page 2	U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☒ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Tertiary	♪♪	U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2 See page 2		U6. Roles
C7. Holiday		Food	U7. Themes

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O - mo - chi - o tsu - ki - ma - sho, o - mo - chi - o tsu - ki - ma - sho

Pe - tan - ko, pe - tan - ko, pe - tan, pe - tan, pe - tan - ko.

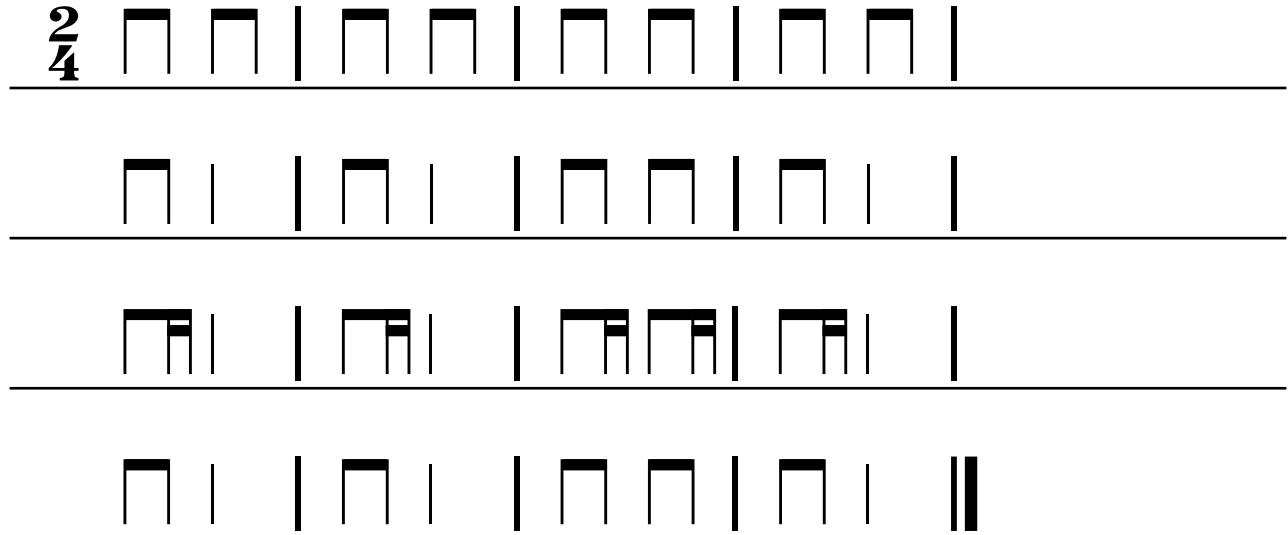
O - ko-ne-te, o - ko-ne-te, o - ko-ne, o - ko-ne, o - ko-ne-te.

Ton ton ton, ton ton ton, ton ton ton ton ton ton ton.

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Stick Notation:



C6. Additional Research Notes

More research needs to be done for this song. Other than this Youtube video, it's quite difficult to pin down a source of this particular version of this song. Most sources simply state that this is a "Japanese children's song", but with no additional information. I have found some videos of Japanese individuals performing it, but none of these versions match the version in this video. As of July 11th, 2026, a friend of mine, Elijah Sanders, who is currently in Japan, is helping with research. He will be asking some connections he has if any of them recognize this song or game from their childhood.

The following Youtube video predates the video of the primary source and features performers from Japan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWimEskL5IE>

U1. Additional Verses

Translation:
Let's pound the rice cakes
Let's pound the rice cakes
Thump-thump, thump-thump
Thump, thump, thump-thump
Knead it, knead it
Knead, knead, knead it
Tap tap tap, tap tap tap
Tap tap tap tap tap tap

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions