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Preface

Welcome to the world of the steel tongue drum, a unique and versatile musical instrument that has captured the hearts and imaginations of musicians and music lovers alike. This steel drum produces a beautiful, melodic sound that is both soothing and uplifting. With its simple yet captivating design, the steel tongue drum has become a favorite of many modern musicians, from new age and world music to ambient and electronic genres.

In this steel tongue drum song book, you will find a collection of compositions that showcase the versatility and beauty of this incredible instrument. Whether you're an experienced musician looking to expand your repertoire or a beginner seeking inspiration, these songs will provide you with hours of enjoyment and musical exploration.

From hauntingly beautiful melodies to upbeat and energetic rhythms, each song in this book has been carefully crafted to highlight the unique qualities of the steel tongue drum. With detailed instructions and sheet music for each composition, you'll be able to master the art of playing this wonderful instrument and create your own beautiful music.

So, sit back, relax, and let the soothing tones of the steel tongue drum transport you to a world of musical wonder and discovery.

Wishing you lots of fun, HOPWELL MUSIC

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Introduction

Meet Your Tongue Drum

A steel tongue drum is a musical instrument that belongs to the idiophone family, which means it produces sound through the vibration of its own material. The instrument is typically made of steel and is shaped like a shallow, inverted metal bowl with a series of indentations, or "tongues," that are tuned to specific pitches.

The player produces sound by striking the tongues with mallets, creating a resonant, melodic tone that is both soothing and uplifting. Steel tongue drums come in a variety of sizes and tunings, with some models featuring intricate designs and artwork.

Steel tongue drums are a relatively new instrument, having been invented in the early 21st century by a few different makers, but they have quickly gained popularity among musicians, sound healers, and meditation practitioners for their unique sound and ease of play. They are often used for relaxation, meditation, and sound therapy, as well as in musical performances and recordings.



Tongue Drum Care

- 1. Keep your tongue drum clean and dry. Use a soft cloth to wipe off any dust or debris after playing.
- 2. Avoid exposing your drum to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight. High temperatures can cause the metal to expand and potentially damage the tongue drum, while direct sunlight can cause the color of the drum to fade over time.
- 3. Store your tongue drum in a cool, dry place when not in use. Use a protective case or bag to keep it safe and avoid any potential damage.



► Tongue Drum Tuning

HOPWELL tongue drum is tuned 100% before shipping. This is a "tuning for life" musical instrument, so you don't have to regularly tune your drum like a violin or a guitar. Each tongue is carefully crafted to produce a specific pitch, and the materials used are selected for their resonant properties. Therefore, once tuned, the drum will maintain its pitch and require no further adjustment.

If the drum you received out of tune, please check by following steps:

- 1. Check if the tongue drum is actually out of tune: Sometimes, the customer may not familiar with the tongue drum, and do not know how to play the instrument properly. Therefore, you should check if the tongue drum is actually out of tune by playing more songs in the book and practice for a few more days, the beating position and strength influence the sound of the drum. Just like the guitar, more practice will make it sounds better.
- 2. Identify the cause of the problem: If the tongue drum is out of tune, please identify the cause of the problem. It could be due to a variety of reasons such as environmental factors, humidity, temperature changes, or damage to the instrument. If the issue is due to environmental factors, please keep the tongue drum in a stable temperature and humidity environment. If the issue is due to damage, please return or exchange the drum.
- 3. Beating position matters, when we play the higher notes, we will beat the middle part of the tongue and when we play the lower notes, we will beat the upper part of the tongue.
- 4. If, however, one or more tongues of your drum are out of tune you can correct their tuning by sticking a small magnet to the back of the tongue. Experiment with the magnet's position and use a smartphone app (such as Tuner Lite) to check for correct.

Playing Technique

You can play your drum with mallets, your fingers or you can use tongue drum fingerpicks (a kind of finger rings with a small rubber bulge at the underside). If you're a beginner you'll probably find it easiest to play with mallets-it's easiest to produce a good loud tone with them. Playing with your fingers or fingerpicks requires some more practice, so I will suggest starting out with mallets. When you've had some practice playing with mallets try playing with your fingers or with fingerpicks. You can even combine all of these playing techniques. Just try it and see what you like best and what sounds best to younothing's written in stone here. The steel tongue drum is a very versatile instrument that allows for a lot of experimentation and exploration. So, feel free to experiment with different techniques and discover your own unique sound.



Tips to Improve the Drum Sound Quality

Getting the best sound out of your steel tongue drum takes practice and experimentation. Here are some tips to help you improve the sound quality of your drum:

- 1. Experiment with striking different parts of the tongue. Each part can produce a different sound quality.
- 2. Adjust the angle of your striking. Experiment with the angle at which you strike the tongue of the drum. Striking the tongue at different angles can produce different tones and harmonics.
- 3. Vary the force of your strikes. Experiment with striking the tongue with different levels of force. A softer strike will produce a quieter and more subtle sound, while a harder strike will produce a louder and more percussive sound.
- 4. Pay attention to the resonance of the drum. When you strike the tongue, let the sound resonate and fade naturally. Don't try to stop the sound too quickly, as this can affect the overall sound quality.
- 5. Play with others. Playing with other musicians or in a drum circle can help you develop your sense of rhythm and timing, and can also help you learn new techniques and ideas for playing the steel tongue drum.
- Find a comfortable and quiet place to play. You can sit on the floor or on a cushion, or use a stand to elevate the drum to a comfortable height.

Remember, playing the steel tongue drum is a process of discovery and experimentation. Be patient, have fun, and enjoy the unique and meditative sound of your instrument.

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Note Stickers Position







WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS?

The numbers on the drum stand for different tones as below, it will be easier to recognize when you read the music score. The scores will also be marked by the related numbers.

C Major

3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	ż	3
Ез	F3	G3	Аз	Вз	Cı	D4	Ea	F4	G4	A4	B4	C ₅	D ₅	Es

D Major

3														
#Fa	Gз	Аз	Вз	#C4	D4	E4	#F4	G۵	A4	B4	#C5	D ₅	E 5	#F5

Now, you can have your first try of your drum

I Can Say My ABC

Amazing Grace

0 0
$$\frac{51}{A}$$
 | :1 - $\frac{321}{2}$ | 3 - $\frac{32}{2}$ | How

$$1 - 6$$
 5 51 1 321 sweet the sound That saved

Auld Lang Syne

Away In A Manger

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

1 1 5 5 6 7 1 6 5 —

Baa! Baa! black sheep! Have you any wool?

4 4 3 3 2 2 1 Yes Sir! Yes Sir! Three bags full.

5 5 4 4 3 3 2 One for my master, and one for my dame,

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

3 2 1 1 3 5 2 2 3 5

Come Thou Fount of every bless - ing, tune my

6 5 32 1 - 32 1 1 35

heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy nev-er

2 2 3 5 6 5 3 2 1 - 5 67

ceas - ing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me

i 7 65 65 3 567 i 7 65
some me - lo-dious sonnet, sung by flam - ing tongues a

i - 32 1 1 35 2 2 35

bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of

6 5 <u>3 2</u> 1 God's un - chang - ing love!

Cradle Song

$$\frac{3}{5}$$
 - $\frac{11}{1}$ $\frac{1}{1}$ - $\frac{64}{1}$ $\frac{5}{1}$ - $\frac{31}{1}$ eyes, when the dawn light the skies, open

$$4^{\frac{54}{3}}$$
 3 2 1 - wide thy dear eyes.

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Deck The Halls

Five Little Monkeys

1 1. 1. 5 5 6 6 6 5 0

Five lit - tle mon - keys jumping on the bed.

4 4 3 3 2 2 1 0
One fell off and bumped his head.

1 1 1 5 5 0 6 6 5 0 Ma - ma called the doc - tor and the doc - tor said.

4 4 3 3 2 <u>2 2</u> 1

No more mon - keys jumping on the bed.

Happy Birthday To You

Home Sweet Home

$$4 \cdot 34$$
 $2 \mid 3 - - 12 \mid 3 \cdot 44$ 5 though we may roam, Be it every er so

$$3 - 0$$
 55 $1 \cdot 76$ 5 $5 - 35$ there; Which seek thro' the world, is ne'er

4 - 2 - 1 - - - 2 - - - home, sweet, sweet,

$$3 - 0 5$$
 $1 \cdot 76 \cdot 55 - 35$

How Do You Do

5 3 1 5 3 1 How do-you do? How do-you do, 6 5 - 5 3 1 5 3 1 un - cle? How do-you do? How do-you do? 3 4 3 2 1 How do-you do? Bet - ty?

I Can Say My ABC

1	1	5	5	6	6	5	-	
Α	В	်င	D	E	F	G		'
4	4	3	3	2	2	1	entantan.	
Н	1	J	K	L	M	N		
5	5	4	4	3	3	2	*******	-
0	Р	Q		R	S	`Т		
5	5	4	4	3	3	2	Bannana.	
U	V	W		X	Υ	Z		,
1	1	5		6	6	5		
X	Υ	Z.		Now	you	see,		ŀ
4	4	3	3	2	2	1	***	
1	can	say	my	A	В	C.		i II

Itsy-Bitsy Spider

Jingle Bells

1. 1
$$\underline{2}$$
 3. 3. $\underline{2}$ $\underline{1}$ 2 $\underline{3}$ Out came the sun and dried up all the

1.
$$\frac{5}{1}$$
 $\frac{5}{1}$ 1 $\frac{1}{1}$ 1 $\frac{2}{1}$ 3. $\frac{3}{1}$ rain, and the it - sy bit - sy spid - er climbed

$$3333$$
 351 25 1 2 3 0 Jingle bells, jingle all the way!

Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Joy To The World

London Bridge

Mary Had A Little Lamb

Merrily, Merrily

Morning Has Broken

Oh! Susanna

Old Folks at Home

$$2--0$$
 3 - 2132 1161 . way, that's where my heart is turning ev-er,

$$1--0$$
 7. 12 5 5. 65 1 home. All the world am sad and drear -y,

neart grows weary, Far from the old folks at home.

Old MacDonald Had A Farr On Top of Old Smokey

My Heart Will Go On

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Perfect

3.
$$321$$
 4. 321 1. 55 $\frac{5}{i}$ was I will not give you up th - is

See You Again

Sound of Silence

I turned my collar to the cold and damp. When my eyes were stabbe

0 0 0 1 1 1 5 - - 07 1
$$\bullet$$
 \bullet - of silence.

Take Me Home, Country Roads

Castle In The Sky Always With Me

$$67$$
 : i. 7 i i i 7 - - 3312 : 315 . 3252 163 . 1

$$6 \cdot \underline{5}6 i | 5 - 0 \underline{33} | 4 \cdot \underline{34}i$$

$$6. \quad \underline{5}6 \quad \mathbf{i} \quad | \quad 5 \quad - \quad 0 \quad \underline{33} | \quad 4. \quad \underline{34} \mathbf{i}.$$

$$2 \quad - \quad \underline{12} | \quad \underline{31} \quad 5. \quad \underline{3} | \quad \underline{252} | \quad \underline{16} \quad 6. \quad \underline{71} |$$

$$3 - 0\dot{1}\dot{1}\dot{1}$$
 $7 \cdot 44$ 7 $7 - 0$ $675 - 05$ 6 7 12 5 1 23 4 4321

$$5 - - 03 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 177 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2231 & 0 & 2 & 2323 \end{vmatrix} 2 - 34 \begin{vmatrix} 555 & 5 & 654 \end{vmatrix}$$

Unsullied

6535676 $\boxed{5333}$ $\boxed{0173}$ $\boxed{65}$ $\boxed{021}$

<u>231 0613 235 53235 5 3 6 017</u>

653 0216 236 0173 6535676

5333 0173 653 0212 3 566 061

 $235 53235 \quad 3.66 - 61 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 235.4$

2 3 234 43 5.4 432 3 32 636 623 2 7

Theme Song of Big Fish

2363237 | 323i7 | 5 | | 32363237

27- | 32363237 | | 323i7 | 5

 $112233\overline{56}$ 5. 32 - 236 2365

 $- - 61 \begin{vmatrix} 2 \cdot & 16 & 61 \end{vmatrix} 2 \cdot 13 & 35$

65321 2 3 - 61 2. 16 61

 $| 13 - | \underline{23} \stackrel{?}{6} | \underline{23} \stackrel{?}{65} | \stackrel{?}{6} - \underline{35} |$

i. 73 32 1 123 32 1 6i7652

 $3 - - 35 \mid i \cdot 73 \mid 32 \mid 1 \mid 123 - \mid$

 $2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 5 \ 6 \ - \ - \ -$

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River And Clouds Flowing In My Heart

$$3356\dot{1}6$$
 - $6\dot{1}5623$ -

$$3356\dot{1}6$$
 - $6\dot{1}5\dot{6}23$ -

The Girl's Love

$$56 \mid 1 \cdot \quad 237675 \mid 6 - - 12 \mid$$

$$3 \cdot |\underline{561234}| 3 - - |\underline{35}| 6 \cdot |\underline{56}| \underline{63}|$$

$$2 \cdot \underline{1} 2 3 | 5 \cdot \underline{6} 7 3 \underline{6} | 1 --- |$$

$$3 - - \underline{56} \cdot 1 \cdot \underline{237675} \cdot 6 - - \underline{12}$$

$$3. \quad \underline{561234} \quad 3 \quad - \quad \underline{35} \quad 6. \quad \underline{5663}$$

2.
$$12$$
 3 5. 673 6 1---

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Endless Love

$$7 \quad 356 \quad 5 \quad 3 \quad 2 - - -) : 637 -$$

$$61213 - | 6652 | 433 - -$$

6 6 5 2 3 4 321 - 6 3 2
$$\frac{67}{11}$$

$$6 - - : 6 - - 67 | 12317 5$$

Past and Present

$$1 \quad 6 \cdot 1 \quad 55 \quad 65 \quad 6 \quad \boxed{3 \cdot 5} \quad 23 \quad 5 \quad -$$

Endless Love

$$7 \quad 356 \quad 5 \quad 3 \quad 2 ---$$
 : 6 3 7 -

$$61213 - 6652433 - -$$

6 6
$$5234$$
 321- 6 3 2. 67

$$6 - - : 6 - - 67 | 12317 5$$

Past and Present

$$i \quad \underline{6 \cdot i} \quad \underline{55656} \quad \underline{3 \cdot 5235} \quad -$$

$$1 \quad 6 \cdot 1 \quad 55656 \quad 3 \cdot 5235 \quad -$$

Blue And White Porcelain

Voiceless Bodhi

6.
$$\underline{3} \, 5 \, 7 \, | 6 --- | 6 \cdot \, \underline{7} \, \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \, \underline{5} \, \underline{6} |$$

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<u>1212 23 5 33</u>. <u>0553</u> | <u>236 2353</u> 2 <u>0553</u>

<u>235 2352 1 0123 5653 5332 2·5 3 22</u>

Buffalo Gals

Raised Pearl Curtain

$$0 \ \underline{265.443} \ \underline{2.221655} \ 0 \ \underline{417.665}$$

$$6 - - \underline{612} \dot{2} \underline{165} 4 \underline{654} \underline{421} 2. 1$$

$$2 \cdot \underline{4} \ \underline{3} \ \underline{16} \ \underline{6542} \ \underline{22 \cdot 2} \ - \ -$$

HeyJude

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