

I Can Play the Drum

Hand Drums DMS

* Canon entrance

The image shows two musical staves. The top staff is for 'Hand Drums' and the bottom for 'HD'. Both are in 2/4 time. The 'Hand Drums' staff has lyrics: 'I can play the drum. I can play the drum. I'. The 'HD' staff has lyrics: 'think I can; I know I can! I can play the drum.' The notation includes eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with accents (>) placed over certain notes to indicate drum strokes. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the HD staff.

- Each person has a hand drum. Play the rhythm of the words. Add thumb strokes on accents.
- Get into 2 concentric circles, partners facing one another. (Each pair only needs 1 drum.)
- 1 circle is the holding circle, the other is the playing circle. Do NOT panic; you'll all get playing turns!
- Switch places and jobs.
- Add "huh" on rest of poem. Switch with your partner.
- Add accents on the drum to your right. Everything else is on your own drum.
- This time, put the accents on the drum to your left.

Carrying On:

Divide your large group into 2 smaller groups, and perform in canon. (If you have a group of larger drums and a group of smaller drums, you can really hear the canon "pop out.")