E Poi Tai Tai E

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This is a great **pulse game for older kids.** It's all steady beat, but the patterns are just tricky enough! (And the tempo game keeps everybody's attention.)

E poi Pat own knees twice.

Tai tai Clap own hands gently twice.

E Tap own shoulders, with arms crossed, 4 times.

Tuki tuki Tap own head twice.

Stick game: Sit on knees and face partner.

E poi Tap sticks on own knees twice.

Tai tai Gently tap sticks together twice.

E Raise up on knees and tap partner's shoulders 4 times.

Tuki tuki Tap sticks above head twice.

Puili sticks are the traditional way to perform this game. But if you don't have them, rhythm sticks will do in a pinch.

Tempo Game: Sing the song and play the steady beat game 3 times. Each time, the tempo increases while keeping the graceful, elegant quality of the piece.

Teaching tip: If you'll play an interlude in the next tempo, it will help keep everybody together.