

# In Praise of the Village

Kijita proverb  
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**Freely, as if calling out**  
*mf* \*Alto

Soprano *div.*

Tenor *mf*

Om - wa - na... Om - wa - na... Om -

**Joyfully** (♩ = 108-112)

3 Djembe

Bass *mf*

wa - na... Om - wa - na!  
wa - na... Om - wa - na!

6

Sopranos *mf*

Ah. Om-

Ah.

\* Measures 1-8 may be sung by a soloist or small group from each choir section.  
A part for percussion is printed on pages 15-18.

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T

S

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_ Om -

11

T

S

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_ Om -

Soprano/Alto  
*mf div.*

13

T

S

A

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_ Om -

15

T

S

A

T

B

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_ Om - wa - na,

*mf div.*

17

Shekere  
*mf*

Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na,  
Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na,

20

Om - wa - na! O chil-dren,  
Om - wa - na!

22

*f* sing out! Sing it strong in  
*f* Sing out! Ev-'ry - bod - y sing it strong in  
*mf*

24

*mf*

*mf*

praise of the vil - lage where all be - long! O chil - dren,

praise of the vil - lage where all be - long!

26

*f*

*f*

*f*

sing out! sing it clear: "To -

Sing out! Ev-'ry - bod - y sing it clear: "To -

*mf*

*mf*

28

*mf*

*mf*

geth - er we nur - ture all chil - dren here!"

geth - er we nur - ture all chil - dren here!"

Tenors  
*mf unis.*

Om -

30

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_\_\_ Om -

32

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_\_\_ Om -

Tenor/Bass  
*mf div.*

34

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_\_\_ Om -

36

Om - wa - na,

wa - na\_\_ ni\_\_ wa bho - ne, Om - wa - na.\_\_\_\_

*mf*

38

Shekere

*mf*

Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na. —

Om - wa - na, — Om - wa - na. —

Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na. —

Om - wa - na, — Om - wa - na. —

40

Om - wa - na, —

Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na!

Om - wa - na, —

Om - wa - na, — Om - wa - na, Om - wa - na!

42

O fam-'lies, sing — out!

Sing out! Ev-'ry-bod - y

44

sing it strong in praise of the vil - lage where  
 sing it strong in praise of the vil - lage where

46

all be-long! O fam-'lies, sing out!  
 all be-long! Sing out! Ev-'ry-bod - y

48

sing it clear: "To - geth - er we cher - ish all  
 sing it clear: "To - geth - er we cher - ish all

50

*mp*

fam - 'lies here!" — Takes a vil - lage. It

*mp unis.*

fam - 'lies here!" — It takes a vil - lage to raise all chil - dren.

53

*mf*

takes a vil - lage as fam - 'lies grow. And man - y vil - lag-es

*div.*

*mf*

Takes a vil - lage as fam - 'lies grow. Man - y vil - lag-es

56

*cresc.*

make a na - tion. Man - y na - tions make a glob-al home, —

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

make a na - tion. Man - y na - tions make a glob-al home, —