

Our Precious Children Song

Song created for ʔuʔuʔaakuk nuučaañuʔ Language Nest at Port Alberni, BC

Facilitator Notes (nuučaañuʔ phrases in bold, *English notes in italics below*).

While taking your drum out:

ʔutʔaaps muqumʔ: *I brought a drum*

ʔuhʔiiš nasqʔak: *and a drum stick*

ʔuuñwatsʔaak nasqʔak naasqnaasqa: *I (always) use the drum stick to drum. Slowly enunciate “naasqnaasqa” as you drum a few beats.*

waaʔaqʔiis siiñiʔ ʔumtʔak: *I will say to y’all the ʔumtʔak (the chorus)*

yaaʔakukna siiñwa *(We love you all) yaaʔakukin siiñwa*

ʔaaʔaasmaʔakna siiñwa *(You are all our precious children)*

Repeat the ʔumtʔak loudly and clearly, as many times as your group’s patience will allow before they begin singing (usually 2-4 repeats).

nuuʔiiʔin: *Let’s sing!*

Sing the song all together for 4 rounds.

If you have a second facilitator with nuučaañuʔ singing background, have that person call out “ʔumtʔiʔi” (Sing the chorus, “name it”) or “ʔačiʔi” (end the song, “let it go”) at the appropriate times.

ʔašsaapʔaqʔas nasqʔak ʔuhʔiiš muqumʔ: *I will put away the drum stick and the drum.*

Learn the song on YouTube: [click here](#)

Permissions: Please DO sing and teach this song with your children.