Many Drums
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Our drumbeats add to the rhythms of all life.

Canoes are drums.
We beat a landing song on our canoes.

Our hearts are drums.
We sing a prayer song with our hide drums.

Planks are drums.
We beat a gambling song on our plank drum.

Hides are drums.
We beat an entrance song on our box drum.

Hands are drums.
We beat an honor song with our hands.

Boxes are drums.