

TUM BALALAIKA

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

Traditional Yiddish Folk Song
Arranged, with new Words, by
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Reflectively (♩ = ca. 42)

PART I

PART II

PIANO

5

mp

Fam - i - lies gath - er, sing - ing a - long with in - stru - ments

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* SoundTrax CD available (38278).

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE/POETIC TRANSLATION

Tum balalaika (*toom bah-lah-lahee-kah*) = Sound the balalaika (a stringed musical instrument from Russia).

Shpil balalaika (*shpeel bah-lah-lahee-kah*) = Play the balalaika.

Freylekh zol zayn (*freh-lehk zohl zaheen*) = Let us be merry.

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play - ing fa - vor - ite songs, songs that are loved for
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15

man - y a year. Tra - di - tions live on, if we hold them
 man - y a year. Tra - di - tions live on, if we hold them

20

In one (♩ = ca. 60)

dear.
 dear.

In one (♩ = ca. 60)

24

mf

Lis - ten and learn an old mel - o - dy,

as

mf

28

Pa - pa plays in har - mo - ny.

32

Ma - ma joins in and ev - 'ry - one cheers, and

and

36

so it goes through - out the years.

so it goes through - out the years.

40

43

f Tum bal - a,

f Tum bal - a,

cresc.

f

44

tum bal a, tum bal - a - lai - ka. Tum bal - a,

tum bal - a, tum bal - a - lai - ka. Tum bal - a,

48

tum bal - a, tum bal - a - lai - ka. Tum bal - a -
tum bal - a, tum bal - a - lai - ka. Tum bal - a -

52

lai - ka, shpil bal - a - lai - ka, tum bal - a -
lai - ka, shpil bal - a - lai - ka, tum bal - a -

56

lai ka, frey - lekh zol zayn.
lai - ka, frey - lekh zol zayn.

60

62

mf

Songs are re - called and

64

mem - 'ries are made.

The mu sic lives on and

68

Chil - dren are twirl - ing

on when it's played.

72

'round on the floor to songs they'll re - mem - ber

to songs they'll re - mem - ber

7

cresc.

76

ev - er - more.

ev - er - more.

cresc.

81

f Play bal - a - lai - ka.

f Tum bal - a, tum bal - a, tum bal - a - lai - ka.

f

Play _____ bal - a - lai - ka.

Tum bal - a, tum bal - a, tum bal - a - lai ka.

Tum bal - a - lai - ka, shpil bal - a - lai - ka, tum bal - a -

Play, shpil bal - a lai - ka, tum bal - a -

lai ka, frey - lekh zol zayn.

lai - ka, frey - lekh zol zayn.

98

Tum bal - a - lai - ka, shpil bal - a - lai - ka,
Tum bal - a - lai - ka, shpil bal - a - lai - ka,

102

tum bal - a - lai - ka,
tum bal - a - lai - ka,

106

tum bal - a - lai - ka, tum bal - a - lai - ka, let mu - sic play!
tum bal - a - lai - ka, tum bal - a - lai - ka, let mu - sic play!

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