WITH MY DRUM

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With my drum
I say hello!
With my drum
I sing a song!
With my drum
I tell a story!
With my drum
I learn to dance!
With my drum
I play a game!
With my drum
I say my name!
With my drum
I say a prayer!
With my drum
I say goodbye!
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