

You Are the Music

You can make music without an instrument.
Listen carefully to "Down, Down, Baby."
Which sounds are like instruments but really
performed with parts of the body?
When you make music like this, it is called
body percussion.

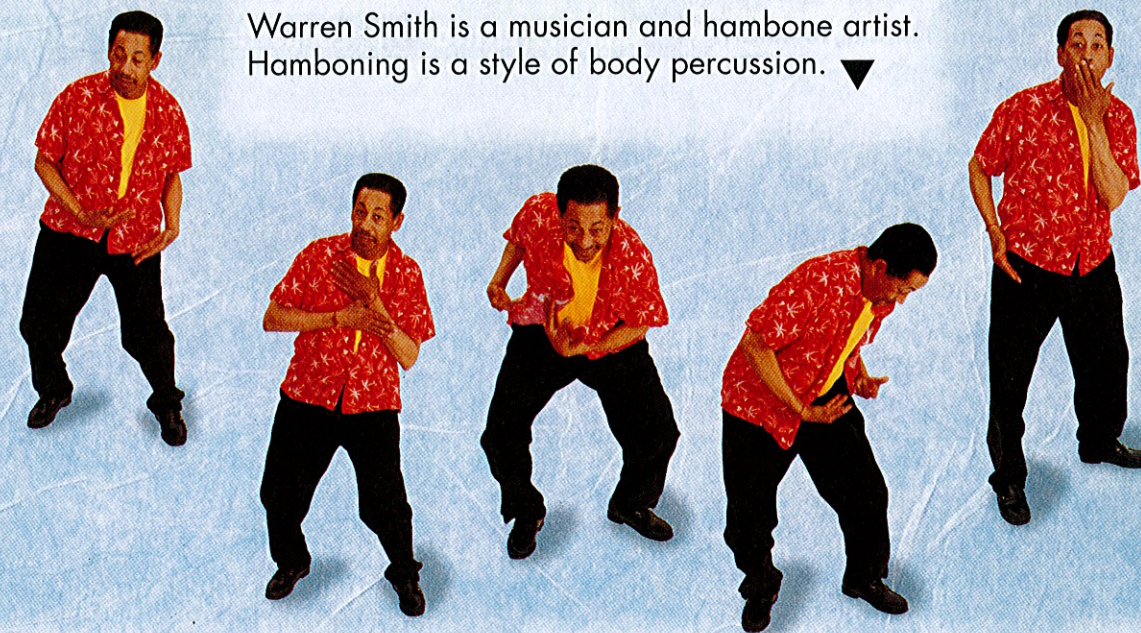


Down, Down, Baby

African American Clapping Song

1. Down, down, ba - by, down, down a rol - ler coast - er,
Sweet, sweet ba - by, I love a rol - ler coast - er;
Shim - my, shim - my, co - coa pop, shim - my, shim - my, pop, —
All to - geth - er with the chick - ens and the feath - ers.

Warren Smith is a musician and hambone artist.
Hamboning is a style of body percussion. ▼



P - O - P spells pop, oh, my hon - ey,
P - O - P spells pop, oh, my ba - by,
P - O - P spells POP!

2. Down, down, baby, down, down a roller coaster,
Sweet, sweet baby, I love a roller coaster;
Shimmy, shimmy, cocoa pop, shimmy, shimmy pop.
Grandma, Grandmama, sick in bed,
Called the doctor and the doctor said,
"Let's get the motion of the head, ding dong,
Let's get the motion of the hands, clap clap,
Let's get the motion of the feet, stomp stomp,
Put it all together and what do you get?
Ding dong, clap clap, stomp stomp.
Say it all backwards and what do you get?
Stomp stomp, clap clap, ding dong!"