Drumming in Class

Jin-May loves drums.
She loves a good beat.

All day long she taps a beat.
She taps her desk.
She taps her books.
She taps her feet.

“Jin-May, give it a rest,”
says Mr. Lopez.
Jin-May has an idea. She starts to tap.
Tap, rest, tap, tap.
Tap, tap, rest, tap, tap.
Not bad! She loves this new beat.

Time out. Mr. Lopez says stop. It is not time to play the drums.

The next day Mr. Lopez brings a drum. He shows it to the class. It is a darbuka. He plays it. The children try it.

Jin-May loves the darbuka. She taps with her fingers. She drums with her hand.
Tap, rest, tap, tap.
Tap, tap, rest, tap, tap.
The class moves to her beat. “Go, Jin-May, go,” they say.

Jin-May is very happy.