



Baba Lagumbala

Throughout the world, people celebrate harvest with music, dancing and feasting.

In West Africa, yams are the first crop to be harvested at the end of the rainy season. In Ghana, the yam festival, *Homowo*, takes place in August. During three days of celebration, yams are blessed and offered to the ancestors, and special dishes made from yams are cooked and eaten.

African harvest celebrations include drumming, dancing and singing. Sometimes, masks or special costumes are worn.

- Try performing the West African harvest song Babala Gumbala as call and response
- Add a drum and timekeeping instruments
- Find out about harvest celebrations in other parts of the world, and learn and perform songs associated with these eg. *Thanksgiving (USA)*, *Chu Suk festival (Korea)*