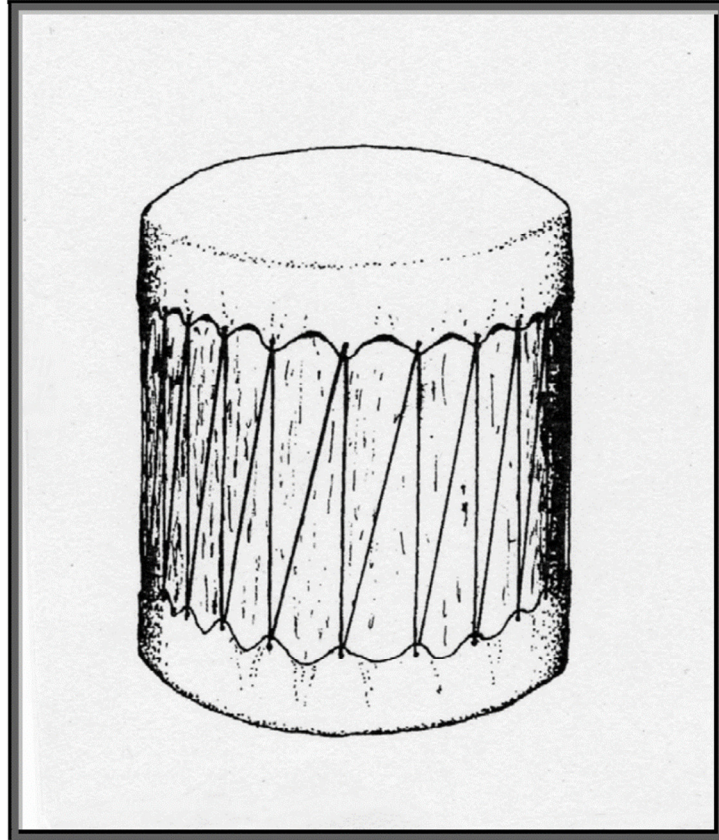


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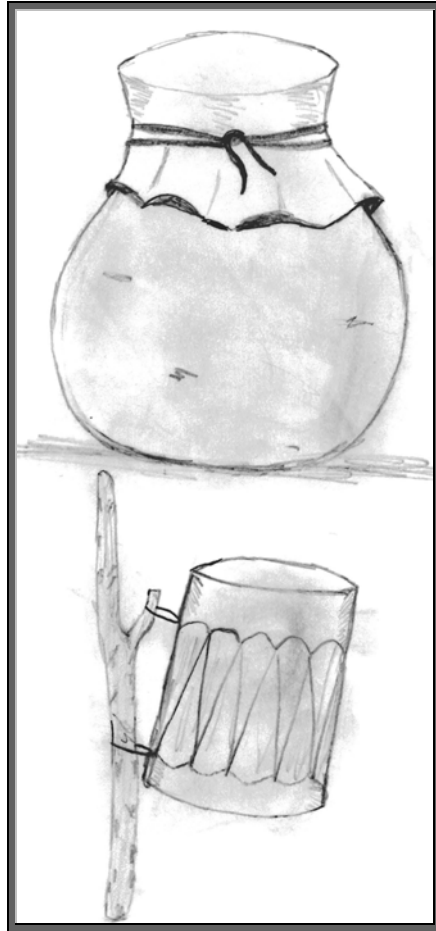
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Overview

For as long as the earth has been populated
People and music makers have been interrelated.
Making music captures the joy and creativity
Of people wherever they may happen to be.

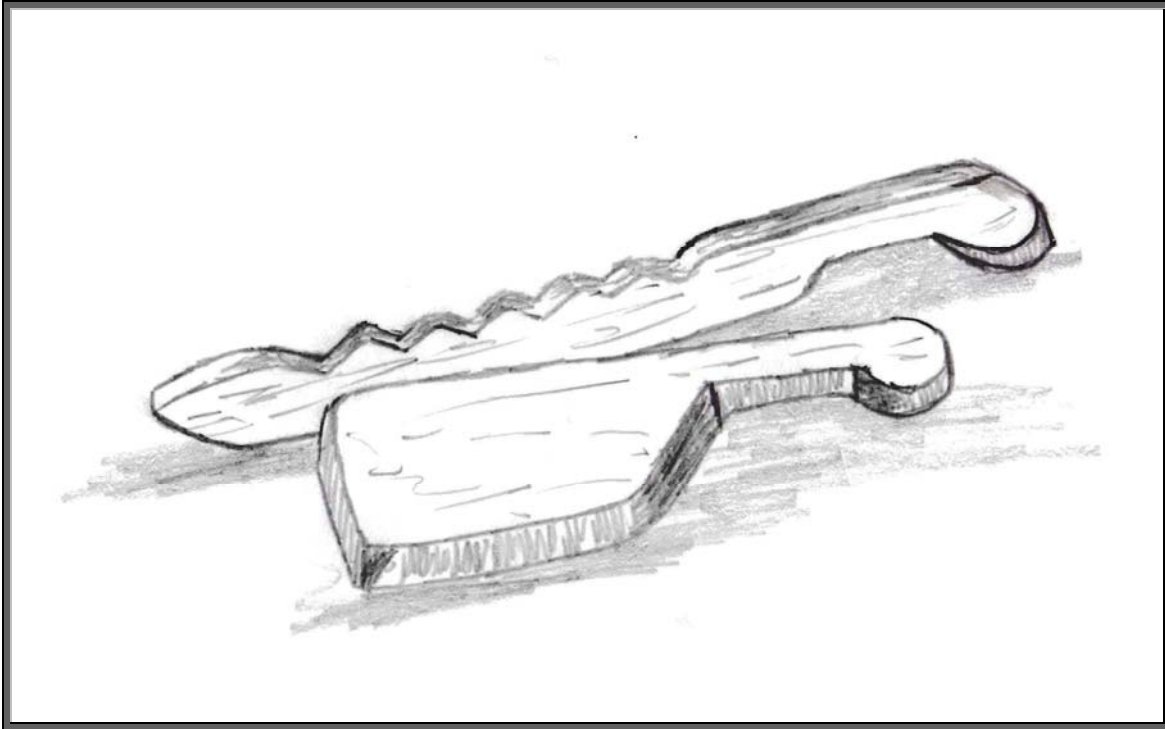
Every country and every place and every people of
every race
Have devoted much effort and time
To create the instruments of music
They considered sublime.

Drums



Drums are among the oldest instruments
On which the making of music has been spent.
A drum may be small or it may be large
And when one is played it is definitely in charge.
In addition to making music, drums were used to communicate
And to represent the earth in the heart beats it takes.
A simple drum was a hole dug in the ground
With a skin stretched over it that was then pound.
Later on, the skins were stretched over hollow logs or stumps
Which allowed the drum to be controlled in the sound of its thumps.
The drum stick which was used to strike the drum
Was also important to making the sound that from it would come.

Rasps



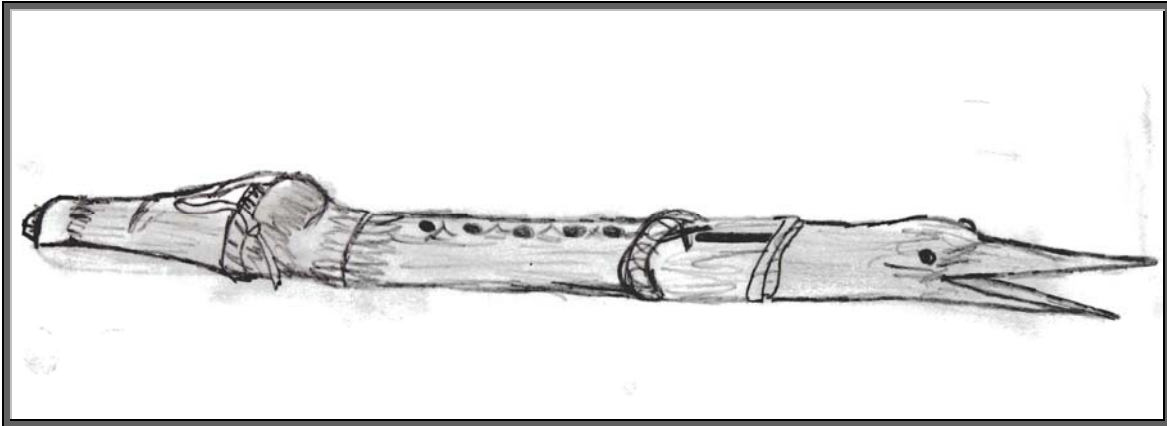
Rasps produce a very low sound
Lower in fact than most musical instruments found.
Because of this a rasp is seldom played alone
But instead with other rasps that other musicians own.
A rasp is actually two pieces of wood
The rasp itself and the scraper which is good.
The body of the rasp has cuts called notches on one side
While the scraper is smooth to over the notches glide.

Bullroarer



It is said by some that a bullroarer's sound is like thunder being heard all around.
A bullroarer looks like a miniature surfboard
That has attached to its larger end a very long cord.
The cord is used to spin the bullroarer in a circular motion
Slicing through air as if stirring a potion.

Flutes



The North American continent was the first place
That an instrument called the flute took its place.

Flutes are a favorite instrument

Because their popularity to other countries

Has also been lent.

The flute can clearly relate emotional expression

Such as a happy to sad to happy progression.

A traditional flute has four basic parts

To produce the sounds that it imparts.

These are the air chamber, tonal chamber, saddle and finger holes.

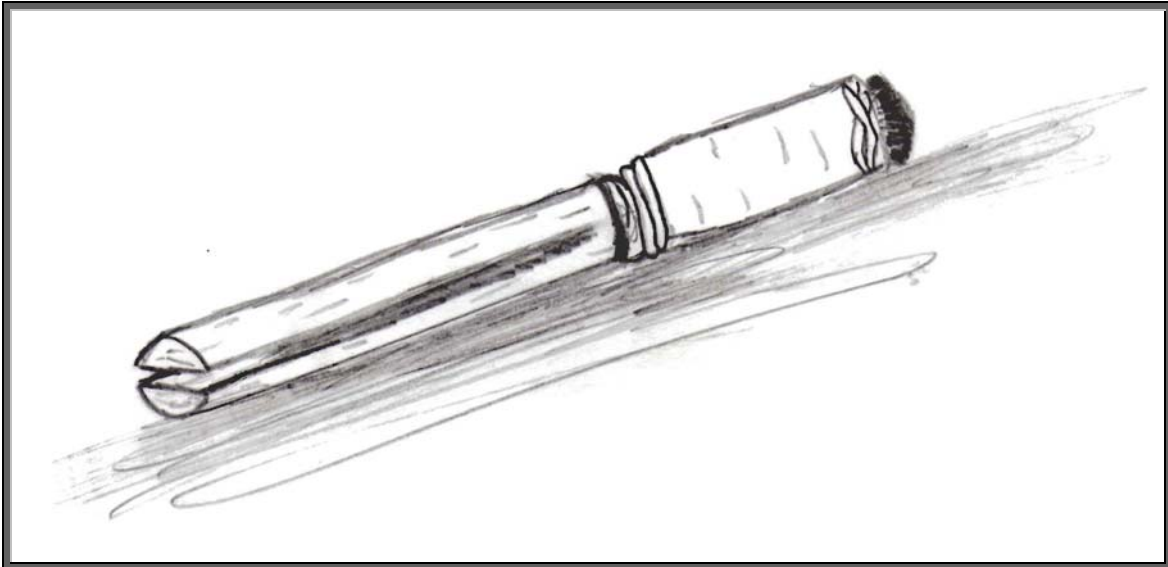
That produce the music that soothes the soul.

Rattles



Rattles are musical instruments that must be shaken
To make the music within them awaken.
A rattle consists of a container
Sealed tight so to act as a retainer.
To the things that make the rattling sound
When the rattle is shaken both up and down.
Seeds, stones, and even the hooves of deer
Are the things that make a rattle's sound clear.
Rattles are also an accompaniment instrument
Meaning that their music does not take precedent.
But instead provides the rhythm needed
So other instruments play together unimpeded.
A rattle may be attached to a handle or held in hand
As it produces its sound all over the land.

Snapsticks



Snapsticks are a most unusual instrument
On which some time by us should be spent.
They are made by using a knife to cut a stick down its center
Almost to its end does the knife have to enter.
The remaining part of the stick is then carefully bound
By leather, rawhide or other materials that can be found.
The snapsticks are played by slapping them
Against a hand or thigh.
Producing a snapping sound when played by you or I.