

Yī Yā Yāo
Rowing Song

Pinyin Version:

Yī yā yāo, yī yā yāo
yī yā yī yā yī yā yāo!
Yī yā yāo, yī yā yāo,
jiǔ bā qī liù wǔ sì sān èr
yī yā yāo!

English Translation:

This song represents working hard.
“Yi ya yao” is used as a slogan for hard work.
It is sometimes used to get people to work in rhythm
(similar to Dragon Boating).

Chinese Notation:

伊呀哟

伊呀哟，伊呀哟，伊呀伊呀伊呀哟！
伊呀哟，伊呀哟，九八七六五四三二伊呀哟！

Song Information:

This nursery rhyme is excellent to use for practicing counting in Mandarin.
The text is very repetitive and counts backwards from nine to one.