

# JOHN KANAKA

Canadian Folk Song

I heard, heard the old man say: John Ka-na-ka-na-ka too-la-ay "To-

5 day, to-day is a ho-li-day!" John Ka-na-ka-na-ka too-la-ay

9 too-la-ay, too-la-ay, John Ka-na-ka-na-ka too-la-ay

With partners, form two concentric circles:  
inner circle faces outwards.

Actions:

With partner, do a 'dos-se-dos' on the left, in the four beats of PHRASE 1

In PHRASE 2:

stamp the right foot on 'John'

slap alternate knees on 'Kanakanaka'

clap hands twice on 'too-la'

touch hands of partner on 'ay'

IN PHRASE 3 and 4: repeat motion of phrase 1 and 2

IN PHRASE 5 - outer circle moves left to gain a new partner.

In PHRASE 6 - repeat motion of Phrase 2 with new partner.

Sing the song until original partners are re-united!