

ninathu-thiruvadi

The chanDam for the song is :

[thanana] [thanathana] [thanathana] [thanathana]  
[thanana] [thanathana] [thanathana] [thanathana]  
[thanana] [thanathana] [thanathana] [thanathana] [thanathAna]

(thanana) = 3 mAtAAs

= thakita

(thanathana) = 4 mAtAAs

= thaka - Dhimi

(thanathAna) = 5 mAtrAs

The first three line have 1 unit of 3 mAtrAs and 3 of 4 mAtrAs, making it as 'thakita - thaka-Dhimi - thaka-Dhimi - thaka-Dhimi'. The 'thongal' with 5 mAtrAs. Guruji added 10 more to the 'thongal', to make it 15 mAtrAs, equal to a full thALam.