

thimira-mAmena

The chanDam for the song is :

[thanana] [thAnana] [thAnana] [thanana] [thAnana] [thAnana]  
[thanana] [thAnana] [thAnana] [thana-thAna]

(thanana) = 3 mAttrAs

= thakita

(thAnana) = 4 mAttrAs

= thaka - Dhimi

(thana-thAna) = 5 mAttrAs

= ?

The first line has 2 units of 11 mAttrAs = 5.5 aksharams in maDhyama kAlam  
= (thakita) (thaka - Dhimi) (thaka - Dhimi).

The 'thongal' has 5 mAttrAs. Guruji added 6 more to the 'thongal', to make it  
11 mAttrAs, equal to one unit of the thALam.