

## kumbhakONamodu

The chanDam for the song is :

[thantha] [thAnana] [thAnAna] [thanthana]  
[thantha] [thAnana] [thAnAna] [thanthana]  
[thantha] [thAnana] [thAnAna] [thanthana] [thana-thAna]

(thantha) = 3 mAttrAs = thakita  
(thAnana) = 4 mAttrAs = thaka - Dhimi  
(thAnAna) = 5 mAttrAs = thaka - thakita  
(thanthana) = 4 mAttrAs = thaka - Dhimi  
(thana-thAna) = 5 mAttrAs = ?

The first three lines have

$(3 + 4 + 5 + 4) = 16$  units = 8 aksharam in maDhyama kAlam followed by 'thongal' with 5 mAttrAs. Guruji added 11 more mAttrA to make it 16 mAttrAs, equal to the full thALam.

Thus we have 16 units spread as (thakita) (thaka - Dhimi) (thaka - thakita) (thaka - Dhimi) for each line as well as the 'thongal'.