

A Tisket A Tasket Take 6

(with Ella Fitzgerald)

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So What!?



"A Tisket A Tasket" is a nursery rhyme first recorded in America in the late nineteenth century. It was used as the basis for a very successful and highly regarded 1938 recording by Ella Fitzgerald.

The rhyme was first noted in the United States in 1879 as a children's rhyming game. It was sung while children danced in a circle. One of the number ran on the outside of the circle and dropped a handkerchief. The nearest child would then pick it up and chase the dropper. If caught the dropper either was kissed, joined the circle, or had to tell the name of their sweetheart. An early noted version had the lyrics:

A-tisket a-tasket
A green and yellow basket
I wrote a letter to my love
And on the way I dropped it,
I dropped it,
I dropped it,
And on the way I dropped it.
A little boy he picked it up and put it in his pocket.

In some variants, the second line is "I lost my yellow basket". In other variants, the last line is "A little girl picked it up and put it in her pocket".

In nineteenth-century England, the rhyme used in the same game had somewhat different but evidently related words:

I lost my supper, last night,
And the night before,
And if I do this night,
I never will no more.
I sent a letter to my love,
I carried water in my glove,
And by the way I dropped it, I did so, I did so:
I had a little dog that said bow-wow!
I had a little cat that said meow-meow!
Shan't bite you, shan't bite you,
Shall bite you.
I dropt it, I dropt it,

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by Take 6

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SB
AW
AP
HS
SS
SWII

ba-du-ba-da dah da-da
ba-du-ba-da dah da-da
ba-du-ba-da dah da-da
ba-du-dn du du du du du ba-du-ba-da dah du
ba-du-dn du du du du du ba-du-ba-da dah du
ba-du-dn du-dn-du du du du ba-dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm
du-ba-da dah da-da pa-da-ba-du-ba dah da-da
du-ba-da dah da-da pa-da-ba-du-ba dah da-da
du-ba-da dah da-da uh dah da-da
du du du du du du du du uh dah da-da
du du du du du du du du uh dah da-da
dm dm dm dm du-ba-du dm dm dm ba-du-ba dm dm dm dm

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2
9

SB
ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn dah du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e -

AW
ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn dah du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e -

AP
ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn dah

HS
ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn dah du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e -

SS
ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn dah du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e - du - a 'e -

SWII
9
dm ba - du - ba - da - ba - du - dn du - ba - dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

13

SB
du - a 'e - du - a Tis - ket, ___ tas - ket, ___ brown and yel - low bas -

AW
du - a 'e - du - a Tis - ket, ___ tas - ket, ___ brown and yel - low bas -

AP
A ___ tis - ket, a tas - ket, ___ a brown and yel - low bas -

HS
du - a 'e - du - a Tis - ket, ___ tas - ket, ___ brown and yel - low bas -

SS
du - a 'e - du - a Tis - ket, ___ tas - ket, ___ brown and yel - low bas -

SWII
13
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm ba dm dm

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SB
- ket, oh, uh oh beem, oh, uh, uh,

AW
- ket, oh, uh oh beem, oh, uh, uh,

AP
- ket, I send a let - ter to my mom - my, on the way I dropped

HS
- ket, oh, uh oh beem, oh, uh, uh,

SS
- ket, oh, uh oh beem, oh, uh, uh

SWII
17
dm dm dm ba dm dm ba dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm

21

SB
on the way I dropped it, dropped it on the way, u - dup buh,

AW
on the way I dropped it, dropped it on the way, u - dup buh,

AP
it. I dropped it, I dropped it, yes on the way I dropped

HS
on the way I dropped it, dropped it on the way, uh - dup buh,

SS
on the way I dropeed it, dropped it on the way, uh - dup buh,

SWII
21
dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm dropped it on the way, dm dm

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4
25

SB
uh, uh, uh, picked it up, uh,

AW
uh, uh, uh, picked it up, uh,

AP
it, a litt-le gir - lie picked it up and put it in her pock -

HS
uh, uh, uh, picked it up, uh, ³

SS
uh, uh, uh, picked it up, uh,

SWII
25
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm ba dm dm dm dm

29

SB
duh da dah uh, uh, whu p - duh ba-du-du uh,

AW
duh da dah uh, uh, whu p - duh ba-du-du uh,

AP
- et. She was truck-in' on down the a - ve-nue, but not a sing - le thing

HS
duh da dah, uh, uh, whu p - duh ba-du-du uh,

SS
duh da dah, uh, uh, whu p - duh ba-du-du uh,

SWII
29
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm ba dm dm dm ba dm

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33

SB
uh, — peck, peck, peck all a - round, uh, o -

AW
uh, — peck, peck, peck all a - round, uh, o -

AP
— to do, she went peck, peck, peck-ing all — a - round, when — she spied it o -

HS
uh, — peck, peck, peck all a - round, uh, o -

SS
uh, — peck, peck, peck all a - round, uh, — o -

SWII
33 dm dm ba dm ba dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm ba dm ba dm ba dm ba dm ba dm

37

SB
- ver the grou - ound, bah bah yel - low

AW
- ver the grou - ound, bah bah yel - low

AP
- ver the ground. She took it, she took it, my litt - le yel - low bas -

HS
- ver the grou - ound, bah bah yel - low

SS
- ver the grou - ound, bah bah yel - low

SWII
37 dm ba dm dm chu ba dm ba dm ba dm chee__dit dm ba dm dm dm

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6
41

SB
bas - ket, — uh, dup dup dup bowe, dup da-rap,

AW
bas - ket, — uh, dup dup dup bowe, dup da-rap,

AP
- ket, and if she does-n't bring — it back — I think that I — will

HS
8
bas - ket, — uh, dup dup dup bowe, dup da-rap,

SS
bas - ket, — uh, dup dup dup bowe, dup da-rap,

SWII
41
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm dm think that I will die,

45

SB
ba - du - ba - da dah da - da du - ba - da

AW
ba - du - ba - da dah da - da du - ba - da

AP
die. ba - du - ba - da dah da - da du - ba - da

HS
8
ba - du, du, ba - du, du - ba - du, du dah, du du du du

SS
ba - du, du, ba - du, du - ba - du, du dah du du du du

SWII
45
— ba dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

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SB
dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

AW
dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

AP
dah da-da uh dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

HS
du du du du du uh, dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

SS
du du du du du uh, dah da-da ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

SWII
49 dm ba dm dm dm dm ba dm ba dm dm dm dm dm ba-du-ba-da-ba-du-dn

53

SB
da da-da du-du da-da du-du da-da du-p'n du-whae

AW
da da-da du-du da-da du-du da-da du-p'n du-whae

AP
da A —

HS
da da-da du-du da-da du-du da-da du-p'n du-whae

SS
da da-da du-du da-da du-du da-da du-p'n du-whae

SWII
53 dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm

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8
57

SB
uh da da da-ra uh uh uh uh

AW
uh da da da-ra uh uh uh uh

AP
tis - ket, a tas - ket, I lost my yel - low bas - ket, and

HS
uh da da da-ra uh uh uh

SS
uh da da da-ra uh uh

SWII
57
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm dm dm

SB
da uh uh uh uh ba pah

AW
da uh uh uh uh ba pah

AP
if that gir - lie don't re - turn it, don't know what I'll do, Oh

HS
da uh uh uh uh ba pah

SS
da uh uh uh uh ba pah

SWII
61
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm

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65

SB
da fu - ba - dan dan da - da uh uh uh uh so do we,

AW
da fu - ba - dan dan da - da uh uh uh uh so do we,

AP
dear, I won - der where my bas - ket can be,

HS
da fu - ba - dan dan da - da uh uh uh uh so do we,

SS
da fu - ba - dan dan da - da uh uh uh uh so do we,

SWII
65
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm ba dm dm dm dm dm dm

69

SB
so do we, so do we, so do we, so do we, so, do we, eouh,

AW
so do we, so do we, so do we, so do we, so, do we, eouh,

AP
Oh

HS
so do we, so do we, so do we, so do we, so, do we, eouh,

SS
so do we, so do we, so do we, so do we, so, do we, eouh,

SWII
69
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba - dm dm Oh, ba - du - ba -

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SB
bah - da du duh du ba du duh — ba well, — so do we,

AW
bah - da du duh du ba du duh — well, — so do we,

AP
gee, I wish that litt-le girl — I — could see, —

HS
bah - da du duh du ba du duh — well, — so do we,

SS
bah - da du duh du ba du duh — well, — so do we,

SWII
73
dah ba dam ba-du-bu dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

SB
77
so do we, so do we, — so do we, so do we, so do we, — da — da

AW
so do we, so do we, — so do we, so do we, so do we, — da — da

AP
Oh, —

HS
so do we, so do we, — so do we, so do we, so do we, — da — da

SS
so do we, so do we, — so do we, so do we, da da — da

SWII
77
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba dm dm

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81

SB
whoa da nah whu _____ uh uh uh _____ oh _____ oh

AW
whoa da nah whu _____ uh uh uh _____ oh _____ oh

AP
why was I so care - less with that bas - ket of mine, _____ that

HS
whoa da nah whu _____ uh uh uh _____ oh _____ oh

SS
whoa da nah whu _____ uh uh uh _____ oh _____ oh

SWII
81
dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm ba - dm dm

85

SB
it - ty bit - ty oh - o joy of mine, _____ ba - du - well

AW
it - ty bit - ty oh - o joy of mine, _____ ba - du - well

AP
it - ty bit - ty bas - ket was a joy of mine, _____ a

HS
it - ty bit - ty oh - o joy of mine, _____ ba - du - well

SS
it - ty bit - ty oh - o joy of mine, _____ ba - du - well

SWII
85
dm dm dm dm ba - dm - ba dm dm joy - of mine - dm

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12
89

SB
pwht well yel - low bas - ket

AW
pwht well yel - low bas - ket

AP
tis-ket, a tas-ket, I lost my yel-low bas - ket, Won't

HS
pwht well yel - low bas - ket

SS
pwht well yel - low bas - ket

SWII
89
dm ba du - ba-du-ba dm dm dm dm ba - dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

Detailed description: This system contains the first 12 measures of the song. It features six vocal parts: Soprano (SB), Alto (AW), Alto/Piano (AP), High Soprano (HS), Soprano/Soprano (SS), and Piano (SWII). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The AP part has lyrics: 'tis-ket, a tas-ket, I lost my yel-low bas - ket, Won't'. The SWII part has a rhythmic accompaniment with lyrics: 'dm ba du - ba-du-ba dm dm dm dm ba - dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm'. Measure numbers 12 and 89 are indicated at the top left.

SB
whua du du du well dup dah - du was it

AW
whua du du du well dup dah - du was it

AP
some-one help me find my bas - ket and make me hap - py again, oh a-gain,

HS
whua du du du well dup dah - du was it

SS
whua du du du well dup dah - du was it

SWII
93
dm dm dm ba-dm dm dm dm make me hap-py a - gain ba dm dm was it

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13-18 of the song. It features the same six vocal parts as the first system. The AP part has lyrics: 'some-one help me find my bas - ket and make me hap - py again, oh a-gain,'. The SWII part has a rhythmic accompaniment with lyrics: 'dm dm dm ba-dm dm dm dm make me hap-py a - gain ba dm dm was it'. Measure numbers 93 and 93 are indicated at the top left.

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SB
green, du du - ru - du was it red du-du da - d'n du - oh was it

AW
green, du du - ru - du was it red du-du da - d'n du - oh was it

AP
no, no, no, no, — no, no, no, no, —

HS
green, du du - ru - du was it red du-du da - d'n du - oh was it

SS
green, du du - ru - du was it red du-du da - d'n du - oh was it

SWII
97 green, du du - ru - du was it red dm dm dm du - oh was it

101

SB
blue, du du du - u - uh — dah du uh - ah — ba-ra -

AW
blue, du du du - u - uh — dah du uh - ah — ba-ra -

AP
no, no, no, no, just a litt-le yel - low bas - ket,

HS
blue, du du du - uh — dah du uh - ah — ba-ra -

SS
blue, du du du - uh — dah du uh - ah — ba-ra -

SWII
101 blue dm dm dm dm dm dm ba-dm dm dm dm uh - ah — ba dm ba ba-ra -

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SB
- pa ba-da - du dah - dah ___ da du - uh - aow ___ da

AW
- pa ba-da - du dah dah ___ da du - uh - aow ___ da

AP
a ___ litt - le yel - low bas - ket, da

HS
8
- pa ba-da - du dah - dah ___ da du - uh - aow ___ da

SS
- pa ba-da - du dah dah ___ da du - uh - aow ___ da

SWII
105
- pa ba-da-ba-du-ba - da-ba-da - bah ___ ba dm dm dm dm duh - aow ___