

## Mrs. Mason Bought a Basin

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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Mrs. Mason Bought a Basin'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first four measures, the second staff contains measures 5-8, the third staff contains measures 9-12, and the fourth staff contains measures 13-16. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for children's educational materials.

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**About the Music:**

- Instruments: String Quartet
- Discordant introduction from strings.
- Monica and Julie are very ordinary in their speech.
- Each one has a special line to say and they sound very tired and bored with the whole affair.
- The basin is smashed, the drum starts and the trio sings a new version of the song.
- You can hear Mrs. Nix smashing the basin at the end.

**Activities:**

1. Try to learn the names of the ladies in the story.
2. Learn what each lady has to do in the story.
3. Imitate Monica's and Julie's special way of talking.
4. Raise hands when the tempo (speed) of the music changes.
5. Try to learn the song the trio sings.
6. This is a good text for some simple dramatisation and action.