

Bagpuss

SING AND PLAY

Episode 1

Ship in a bottle

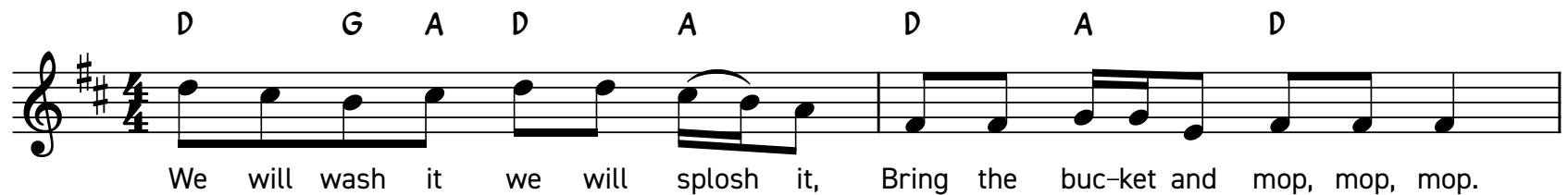
...in which Emily brings a dusty old bottle into Bagpuss's shop. When the Mice have washed it and splashed it clean, Bagpuss and his friends discover that it contains the dismantled pieces of a little ship.



The Mice set to with buckets and mops to wash the dirty old bottle.

We will wash it

sung by the Mice



D G A D A D A D

We will wash it we will splosh it, Bring the buc-ket and mop, mop, mop.



3 D Em D D G A D

We will dust it, we will brush it, We will po-lish its top, top, top.

We will wash it, we will splosh it,
Bring the bucket and mop mop mop,
We will dust it, we will brush it,
We will polish its top top top.

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Track 2
We Will Wash It



Words: Oliver Postgate,
Sandra Kerr and John
Faulkner
Melody: *Sumer is
a-cumin in*, adapted and
arranged by Sandra Kerr
and John Faulkner





Gabriel sings about the ship that went to sea with a crew of mice.

I saw a ship

sung by Gabriel

SR close up space between staves



The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. Chords are indicated by letters F, C, G above the notes. Lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line and a double bar line at the end of the second line.

1 F C F G C C G

I saw a ship a - sail - ing, a -

4 C F G C F G C

sail - ing on the sea, And oh but it was la - den with pret - ty things for thee.

7 F C F G C G

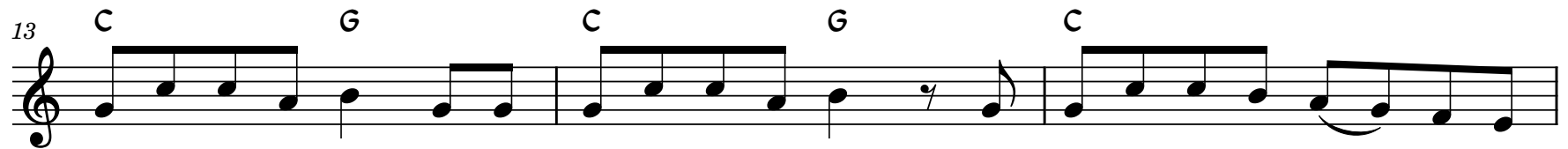
There were com - fits in the ca - bin and

10 C G C F G

apples in the hold, The sails were made of silk and the masts were made of gold. The

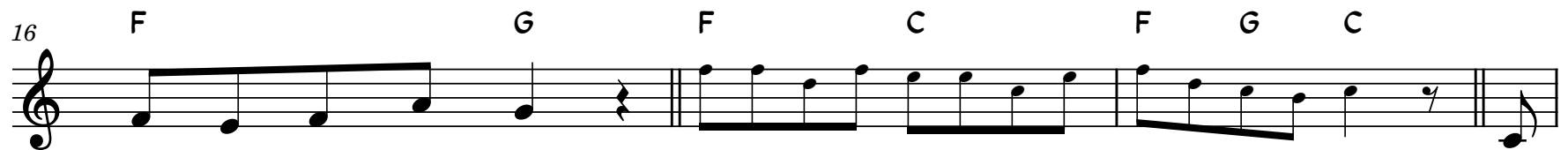


13 C G C G C



four and twen-ty sai - lors that stood be-tween the decks, were four and twen-ty white_ mice with

16 F G F C F G C



chains a - round their necks.

The

19 C G C F G C



cap-tain was a duck_ with a packet on his back, And when the ship be - gan to move the

22 F G C G C



cap - tain said, 'Quack quack!

Quack quack!'



I saw a ship a-sailing, a-sailing on the sea,
And oh but it was laden with pretty things for thee.
There were comfits in the cabin, and apples in the hold,
The sails were made of silk and the masts were made of gold.
The four and twenty sailors that stood between the decks,
Were four and twenty white mice with chains around their necks.
The captain was a duck with a packet on his back,
And when the ship began to move
The captain said, 'Quack quack! Quack quack!'

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Track 3
I Saw a Ship



Words: traditional
Melody: *The nutting girl*,
arranged by Sandra Kerr
and John Faulkner





Professor Yaffle's Information Desk



We Will Wash It ~

The old song with this tune was called **Sumer is a-cumen in** and was sung in Northumberland over 800 years ago! Not by mice though, nyuff nyuff nyuff!

I Saw a Ship ~

The melody for this song is an old folk tune called **The Nutting Girl**.

There are some wonderful words in this old nursery song, which are the names of parts of a ship.

Can you find them? I know them all, of course....nyuff, nyuff, nyuff.

Opening (track 1) ~

Here is something else for you to find. Somewhere in the episodes of Bagpuss, you can hear this tune again ~ with words! Full marks if you can spot it, nyuff nyuff.

The Mouse Organ Music Corner



We Will Wash It ~

When **Sumer is a-cumen in** was sung, as Professor Yaffle said in the olden days, the tune had a 'Humpty Dumpty' feel to it (6/8 to us Mouse organists). You could skip to it. Try singing **We Will Wash It** with that skipping rhythm.

When we Mice sing it though, you can march around with your bucket and mop ready to **wash, wash, wash**.

Try singing it the way we Mice do it ~ some of us wait and join in when we see Charliemouse's paw print:



Other things to do ~

Find other songs about cleaning. Here's one! **This is the way we wash our hands...** (that goes to the tune: Here We go Round the Mulberry Bush).

Once you've found some more cleaning songs, see if you can march or skip to them.

When you're singing our songs, don't forget to say 'Heave, heave, heave' before you start!

I Saw a Ship ~

Find some other songs about ships or the sea.