

Playing a Known Song on Water Glasses

For this activity, you will be using 3 water glasses/bottles to play either the song, “Hot Cross Buns” or “Mary Had a Little Lamb.” If you want, try playing the song on different glasses, directions below. ***Send your music teacher a video of your work, we would love to see it!***

Materials:

- 3 water glasses/glass bottles/wine glasses
- A metal or wooden spoon
- Water

Fill the first glass with a little water, fill the second glass about halfway, and fill the third glass almost full of water.

Water Glasses

Gently tap on the side of each glass to make a sound. Try playing “Hot Cross Buns” or “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on the glasses. You can experiment with more or less water in your glasses to make it sound more in tune. Check out the videos below for other examples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t26-nbRs2KY>

Glass Bottles

Fill the bottles the same way as the water glasses. Gently blow straight over the top of the bottles to make the sound. Try playing “Hot Cross Buns” or “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on the glasses. Experiment with what direction you are blowing to get the best sound. Also, you can experiment with more or less water in the bottles to make it sound more in tune. Check out the example below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0RF7UcyJO0>

Wine Glasses

Fill your wine glasses the same way as the water glasses. Gently wet your pointer finger and shake off the excess water. Gently run your pointer finger around the rim of the wine glass. It should make a light, ringing sound. Try playing “Hot Cross Buns” or “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on the glasses. Experiment with adding a very slight amount of pressure to make the best sound. Also, you can experiment with more or less water in the glasses to make it sound more in tune. Check out the example below. This is the toughest one to do, so if you can’t figure this one out, try one of the other ways!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJ-O_nfOhDY