

Sing a song of washing up

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A poem by Elizabeth Gould.

Children enjoy helping out with the dishes, after all it's just another form of water play! And there's always that 'Thank you!' reward at the end. No doubt though filling or emptying the dishwasher is a more usual job today. You might prefer to use the original 7th line 'Polish with a dry white cloth'.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Sing a song of wash - ing - up, Wat - er hot as hot,' with a D major chord above the first measure and an A major chord above the last. The second staff continues with 'Cups and sau - cers, plates and spoons, dish - es such a lot! Work the dish - mop round and round,' featuring D, Em, and D major chords. The third staff concludes with 'Wash them clean as clean, Dry them with a tea - towel, How bus - y we have been!' using A7, D, G, A, A7, and D major chords. The melody is simple and catchy, suitable for children's songs.



Sing a song of washing-up,
Water hot as hot,
Cups and saucers, plates and spoons,
Dishes such a lot!
Work the dish-mop round and round,
Wash them clean as clean,
Dry them with a tea towel,
How busy we have been!