

Song Title: **A TISKET A TASKET**

Admissibility: **YES: Note**

IMPORTANT: If you are submitting an arrangement of this song that is not already in the SED, IT IS REQUIRED that you submit full research. Please see note below Reviewers' Note.

REVIEWERS' NOTE

Reevaluation: Aug 18, 2021 : change from NO to YES: Note

A Tisket, A Tasket is based upon a late-18th century nursery rhyme that has several variations. The problematic variations involve the line “a little [blank] he picked it up.” In some variations a *little doggie* picked it up or a *little boy*. And **in racist versions of the nursery rhyme it is a little darky or a little n-word**. Importantly, **in the song, it's a little girlie** that picks up the letter.

Because there are several variations of the nursery rhyme and because the song—composed by Ella Fitzgerald and Al Feldman (Van Alexander) in 1938—has never had racist lyrics, neither in the original nor in the nearly 70 subsequent recordings, we have deemed the song admissible.

Note, however, that ***the song does appear on some lists of songs with racist histories*** (e.g., [this one](#)), so it's possible some performing members and members of the audience may be aware of the song's problematic origins.

See research below for additional details.

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Please see full instructions for submitting through the SAT here: [Questions in the SAT Form](#).

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