

Alto recorder version

Natalie Needs a Nickel

Slip Jig

The musical score is written for an alto recorder in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Above the staff are chord markings: D above the first measure, G A D above the second measure, and A above the final measure. The second staff continues the melody with similar eighth-note patterns. Above the staff are chord markings: D, G A D, and a boxed section containing A D and 2 A D. The third staff continues the melody. Above the staff are chord markings: D, A D, and A. The fourth staff concludes the piece. Above the staff are chord markings: D, A D, G D, and a boxed section containing 1. A D and 2. A D.

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Natalie needs a nickel,
She wants to buy a pickle;
She thinks that pickles are delicious.
Whenever she bites a pickle,
Her throat begins to tickle;
Still it's among her fondest wishes.

The shopkeeper at the deli,
With the enormous belly,
Stares at her with a frown suspicious,
And says, "If you want a pickle
You must bring me a nickel,"
While stacking his cans of smelly fishes.

Natalie's mother sees her
Pouting behind the freezer
"Natalie, please be more ambitious!
Why don't you earn the nickel
To buy your precious pickle
By giving me help to dry the dishes?"

So Natalie has her nickel,
Now she will buy a pickle;
(Too bad that pickles aren't nutritious!)
Soon she will take a biteful,
Savour that taste delightful,
Then she'll run home to dry the dishes.