

# Did Beethoven Do the Dishes?

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One Afternoon, in sunny June, I happened to think  
as I stood at the sink,  
and I scrubbed away at the dirty plates  
and listened to music on the phonograph  
I thought of a question I've often asked

Did Beethoven do the dishes? Did Mozart sweep the floor?  
did all those great musicians have to do their chores  
I can't help but think of all the songs I would sing  
if I just didn't have to clean the house  
I'm sure I'd be on top of the Billboard charts  
if my cat had not just killed a mouse  
and, brought it into the house, oooo-oohh

I have these great ideas, but I also have a block  
If I don't do my laundry, I will soon run out of socks  
I bet that Johann Sebastian Bach never had to worry about clean socks  
I'll bet Peter Tchaikovsky never took the garbage out  
I bet Verdi rarely helped to rake the leaves,  
even when his wife said Please  
Oh, pretty please, oooo-oohh

My driver's license did expire just two weeks ago  
I'll bet that thought never occurred to Michaelange-lo-lo-lo-lo  
Madame Curie never had to serve on a jury  
Joseph Haydn hid from taking care of the kids  
Mozart was poor but, you can be sure, he never had to baby-sit

And this is it, that's all I've writ,  
Didn't have time for more of it.