

008) Slapping the Jug – Applejack confides to Granny Smith that she's starting a band with her friends, but has no idea what instrument she should play. Granny seizes the moment to reveal to her granddaughter that she comes from a long line of jug players. In an old-timey laden story, she relates how Applejack's great, great, great grandmother first heard the melodious sound as the wind blew across an empty jug she found in a field, how she played that jug to great renown, and how that very jug has been passed down from generation to generation, each sharing the beautiful jug music with anyone who would listen. Granny beams with pride as she passes the very jug on to Applejack, who is less than enthusiastic. Still, bound by a sense of familial responsibility, she does her best to incorporate the jug into the band. The other girls try to be supportive, but it's clearly not a fit. Twilight suggests the bass and Applejack agrees to try it, since the sound is similar to the jug. She picks up the bass, plays along with the band, and immediately Ponys-Up. Everyone cheers until they turn around to see that Granny has been watching. Before Applejack can explain, Granny exclaims, "Well, I'll be a hickory-smoked horn-toad, that sounds way better than a jug!"