

MLP: Equestria Girls
"Rockin' Bus" Music Video Short
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Animation Beatsheet D1
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Logline: The Rainbooms have a gig on the road and no way to get there. What are they gonna do? With Rainbow Dash leading the charge they get an old busted up school bus, which they transform into a rockin' cool bus.

SONG CONCEPT: No matter how bleak a situation looks, where there's a will (or six friends and six wills) there's a way.

VISUAL CONCEPT: "From school bus to cool bus."

Story Beats:

- ON: CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL DOORS. Canterlot High School students bust out of the school's doors to a parking lot filled with various forms of transportation (cars, school buses, a Vespa or two, bicycles). The Rainbooms (Twilight Sparkle, Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, Rarity, and Rainbow Dash) dash out the door carrying their respective instruments, BIG smiles on their faces. ****Note: If number of students is a production issue could just open on girls busting out of the doors.***
- They look around the lot for their ride. As they go up to vehicles, they leave. OVERHEAD SHOT: The Rainbooms standing in the middle of a circle of vehicles as they leave.
- BACK ON GIRLS: One last straggler (a little bus decorated with magician imagery) roll out. Rainbow Dash waves it down. The bus stops and Trixie peeks out the doors. Rainbow Dash says something to her. Trixie throws down a poof of dust and the bus disappears. The girls catch up to Rainbow Dash and the dust obscures the girls.
- PUSH IN ON TRIXIE DUST: It settles. PAN TO: Each of The Rainboom's faces. No longer BIG smiles. Pinkie Pie points to the other end of the parking lot and see Trixie's bus leaving.
- WIDEN TO REVEAL: The parking lot is now EMPTY! A tumbleweed blows through. Applejack kicks it and falls on her butt. JUMP CUT: The rest of the girls are on the ground looking sad. Pinkie Pie's hands are on her sad face. Spike sits sadly on her head and one of Pinkie's pets sits on Spike's head looking sad. "What are we gonna do?" moment.
- Rainbow Dash stands and tries to rally the girls. "We can't give up!" QUICK SHOTS: The girls pile onto a unicycle (one on top of the other). They take off and topple. Pinkie Pie's tambourine falls on her head. JUMP CUT: The girls pile on a skateboard contraption (two skateboards tied together). One of the skateboards comes loose and the girls fall off.

- A busted up school bus appears, sputtering with exhaust and it looks awful. It stops, the door opens, and Rainbow Dash leans out and hangs off the steps. Big smile on her and the rest of the Rainboom's faces. A side mirror falls off, their smile disappears.

- The girls roll up their sleeves and spruce up the bus. Rainbow Dash pops the hood and coughs at all the smoke. SMOKE DISSOLVE TO: Dust inside the bus as Fluttershy sweeps. JUMP CUT: Rarity re-upholsters the seats. The fabric pattern SWIRLS TO: Twilight, Pinkie Pie, and Applejack painting the bus. WIDEN TO REVEAL: The bus is rockin'! "From school bus to cool bus." They pile in and drive off.

- Inside the bus they look at themselves, they're dirty. Rarity pulls out her rolling rack. Each girl walks down the aisle of the bus like a runway (each starting with dirty clothes then pose at the end of the "runway" with fresh gig-ready threads).

- CREATIVE TRANSITION TO: The Rainbooms on stage rocking out. See Trixie in the audience with her band looking salty. Rainbow Dash shreds it up and leaps off stage into the crowd and crowd surfs. She and the others jump off one-by-one in their own signature way. Fluttershy is last. She gingerly steps off the stage and into the crowd as if dipping her toe into a pool. The crowd surfs them to their bus outside. CUT TO: The girls rock out on top of the school bus.

- Rainbow Dash gestures for Trixie and her band to "get up here" and both bands rock out on top of their rockin' bus.

Fade to black.