

At The Drop Of A Hat is a selection of the music of British duo **Michael Flanders** and **Donald Swann**, who achieved fame in the late 1950's and early 1960's with their musical revue of comedic and satirical songs.

The arrangement features four of these - **The Gasman Cometh** tells of the trials and tribulations of employing tradesmen. **The Slow Train** details the loss of many small British train stations closed on the order of Dr. Beeching in the early 1960's. **The Wompom** lists the numerous uses of the multi-purpose animal, vegetable AND mineral which is the Wompom. The final song is perhaps the duos' most famous – **The Hippopotamus Song**, which naturally enough is a feature for the Tuba section.

There is provision in the arrangement for some visual humour, which would be in keeping with this light-hearted music.

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Note on Percussion

In **The Wompom** other rhythmic percussion or vocal noises may be added at the discretion of the conductor to illustrate this mythical beast!