

## **My Brother is a Beast**

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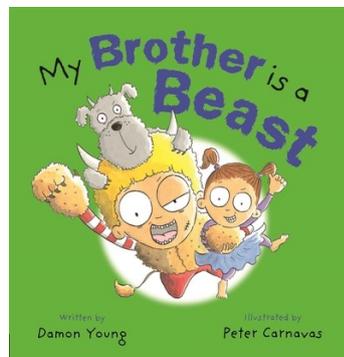
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Some brothers tap tambourines as the drummers keep the beat.

But my brother is a beast... he pounds pianos with his feet.

All brothers are different. But what if your brother was really different? What if your brother was a beast?



### **Themes:**

- Brothers
- Relationships
- Spending time together

### **Discussion Questions:**

- There are four very different brothers in this story. Create character profiles of all them, including:
  - \* how they dress;
  - \* their hair styles;
  - \* what music they like;
  - \* the food they cook;
  - \* the chores that they did; and
  - \* the activities that they like to do.
- Think up one word that would accurately describe each brother.
- If you have a brother, what would his character profile contain? Is it similar to any of the brothers in the story or is your brother completely different?
- Do you think the little girl's brother is really a beast? Why or why not? Who do you think he was trying to be? How would you describe their relationship?
- Are there any clues in the story to give us an idea of what the little girl is like? If so, how would you describe her personality?
- All the brothers played some sort of musical instrument. Can you recall what they were?
- Do you think the type of instrument that someone plays can reflect their personality? Discuss.

### **Activities:**

- Draw your own picture of one of the brothers from the story.
- 'My brother is a beast... he mixes monster mash slime'. The monsters don't look very happy—make your own version of a grumpy monster. You may like to make them as hand puppets and then put on your own class 'Monster Puppet Show'.