

# Nina Simone: Four Women



**Character Profile**  
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# Nina Simone

Nina Simone is a versatile singer and pianist. She plays black classical music, jazz, pop, folk, gospel, and blues music. She is a professional trained classical pianist.

The bombing of a church in Birmingham, Alabama killing four young girls inspired Nina to use her music to give voice to the oppressed, to speak out against injustice, and to share hope for humanity.



## Auntie/ Aunt Sarah/ Sarah

Aunt Sarah is a housekeeper and she is trying to get to her job, but the rioting is keeping her inside the church.

She fears losing her job if she is late.



# Sephronia

Sephronia is part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s marches to protest the injustice.

She is referred to as high yellow or having yellow skin because of her mixed race. Her father was white and her mother was black.



## Sweet Thing

Sweet Thing will do what she needs to in order to survive – she uses violence, stealing, and her sexuality to get what she wants.

She tries to steal one of the deceased girls' shoes to sell for a profit.

She is described as a “hooker” which is a prostituted person, who is paid to have sex.



# Pianist

The pianist plays the music for the show.

The pianist represents Nina as a classically trained pianist.

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