

Paper Doll

Words & Music by Johnny S. Black, 1915

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C C/B A7 Dm7 G
I'm gonna buy a Paper Doll that I can call my own,

Dm7 Fdim C Cdim Dm7
A doll that other fellows cannot steal;

G CM7 C Bm7 Bm7-5 E7
And then the flirty, flirty guys with their flirty, flirty eyes

A7 D7 G
Will have to flirt with dollies that are real.

G G7 C
When I come home at night she will be waiting;

G G7 E7
She'll be the truest doll in all this world.

F Fdim C E7 A7
I'd rather have a Paper Doll to call my own

Dm7 G C
Than have a fickle-minded real live girl.

Bridge: (increase tempo)

G G6 G G6 | C C/B Am7 Am7/G | C C/B Am7 Am7/G |

I guess I had a million dolls or more;
E E7 Am

I guess I've played the doll game o'er and o'er.
G G7 C C/B A7

I just quarrelled with Sue, that's why I'm blue;
A AM7 A7 D Fdim D7

She's gone away and left me, just like all dolls do.
G G7 | C C/B Am7 Am7/G | C C/B Am7 Am7/G

I'll tell you boys, it's tough to be alone;
E E7 Am

And it's tough to love a doll that's not your own.
G D7 G D7

I'm through with all of them, I'll never fall again
D D+7 D7 D7/F# G D7 G7

Say boy, whatcha gonna do?

(Repeat verse 1)

Coda: (Slower)

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