

The Marvellous Toy
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When (C)I was just a (G7)wee little lad, (C)full of health and (G7)joy,
My (F)father homeward (C)came one night and (D)gave to me a (G7)toy.
A (C)wonder to be(G7)hold it was, with (C)many colors (F)bright,
The moment I laid (C)eyes on it, it be(D)came my heart's de(G7)light.

It went (C)zip when it moved and (G7)bop when it stopped,
And (C)whirrrrrrr when it stood (F)still,
I never knew just (C)what it was and I (G7)guess I never (C)will.

The first time that I (G7)picked it up, (C)I had a big sur(G7)prise,
For (F)right on his bottom were (C)two big buttons that (D)looked like big
green (G7)eyes.
I (C)first pushed one and (G7)then the other, (C)then I twisted its (F)lid,
And when I set it (C)down again, (D)this is what it (G7)did.

It went (C)zip when it moved and (G7)bop when it stopped,
And (C)whirrrrrrr when it stood (F)still,
I never knew just (C)what it was and I (G7)guess I never (C)will.

It first marched left and (G7)then marched right, (C)then marched under a
(G7)chair,
And (F)when I looked where (C)it had gone it (D)wasn't even (G7)there.
I (C)started to cry, and my (G7)daddy laughed, for he (C)knew that I would
(F)find,
When I turned around, my (C)marvelous toy would be (D)chugging from
be(G7)hind.

It went (C)zip when it moved and (G7)bop when it stopped,
And (C)whirrrrrrr when it stood (F)still,
I never knew just (C)what it was and I (G7)guess I never (C)will.

Well, the years have gone by too (G7)quickly, it seems, (C)I have my own
little (G7)boy,
And (F)yesterday I (C)gave to him my (D)marvelous little (G7)toy.
His (C)eyes nearly popped right (G7)out of his head and he (C)gave a squeal
of (F)glee,
Neither one of us knows just (C)what it is but he (D)loves it just like
(G7)me.

It still goes (C)zip when it moves and (G7)bop when it stops,
And (C)whirrrrrrr when it stands (F)still,
I never knew just (C)what it was and I (G7)guess I never (C)will.