

Marvelous Toy, The

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When [C] I was just a [G7] 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,
And the moment I lay [C] eyes on it, it be [D] came my [G7] heart's delight.

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

The [C] first time that I [G7] picked it up, I [C] had a big [G7] surprise,
'Cause [F] right on the 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] here is what it [G7] did.

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

It [C] first marched left and [G7] then marched straight, [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 but my [G7] father laughed 'cause he [C] knew that I
would [F] find,
When I turned around my [C] marvelous toy would be [D] chugging on
be [G7] hind.

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

The [C] years have gone by too [G7] quickly it seems, now [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 [G7] bop when it stops
[C] Whir when it stands [F] still.
Neither one of us knows just [C] what it is and I [G7] guess we never [C]
will.