

WHEN FIRST I SAW SWEET PEGGY
(The Low-Backed Car)

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D A D - A D
WHEN FIRST I SAW SWEET PEGGY 'T WAS ON A MARKET DAY
A7 D - Bm Em - A D
A LOW-BACKED CAR SHE DROVE, AND SAT UPON A TRUSS OF HAY
G G G D
BUT WHEN THAT HAY WAS BLOOMING GRASS AND DECKED WITH FLOWERS OF SPRING
G G - F#o Em - E7 A7
NO FLOWER WAS THERE, THAT COULD COMPARE TO THE BLOOMING GIRL I SING!
D - Em7 D Em7 Em
AS SHE SAT IN HER LOW-BACKED CAR, THE MAN AT THE TURNPIKE BAR
D - F#m Bm - D
NEVER ASKED FOR THE TOLL, BUT JUST RUBBED HIS AULD POLL
D - G D
AND LOOKED AFTER THE LOW-BACKED CAR.

D A D - A D
IN BATTLE'S WILD COMMOTION, THE PROUD AND MIGHTY MARS
A7 D - Bm Em - A D
WITH HOSTILE SCYTHES DEMANDS HIS TYTHES OF DEATH IN WAR-LIKE CARS
G G G D
BUT PEGGY, PEACEFUL GODDESS, HAS DARTS IN HER BRIGHT EYE
G G - F#o Em - E7 A7
THAT KNOCK MEN DOWN IN THE MARKET TOWN AS RIGHT AND LEFT THEY FLY
D - Em D Em7 Em
WHILE SHE SITS IN HER LOW-BACKED CAR, THE BATTLE MORE DANGEROUS FAR
D - F#m Bm - D
FOR THE DOCTOR'S ART CANNOT CURE THE HEART
D - G D
THAT IS HIT FROM THE LOW-BACKED CAR

D A D - A7 D
SWEET PEGGY ROUND HER CAR, SIR! HAS STRINGS OF DUCKS AND GEESE
A7 D - Bm Em - A D
BUT THE SCORES OF HEARTS SHE SLAUGHTERS, BY FAR OUTNUMBER THESE
G G G D
WHILE SHE AMONG HER POULTRY SITS, JUST LIKE A TURTLE DOVE
G G - F#o Em - E7 A7
WELL WORTH THE CAGE, I DO ENGAGE, OF THE BLOOMING GOD OF LOVE
D - Em D Em7 Em
WHILE SHE SITS IN THE LOW-BACKED CAR, THE LOVERS COME NEAR AND FAR
D - F#o Bm - D
AND ENVY THE CHICKEN THAT PEGGY IS PICKIN'
D - G D
WHILE SHE SITS IN HER LOW-BACKED CAR

D A D - A7 D
I'D RATHER OWN THAT CAR, SIR! WITH PEGGY BY MY SIDE
A7 D - Bm Em - A D
THAN A COACH AND FOUR, AND GOLD GALORE, AND A LADY FOR MY BRIDE

G **G** **G** **D**
FOR THE LADY WOULD SIT FOR-NINST ME, ON A CUSHION MADE WITH TASTE
G **G - F#o** **Em - E7** **A7**
WHILE PEGGY WOULD SIT BESIDE ME WITH MY ARM AROUND HER WAIST

D - Em7 **D** **Em7** **Em**
AS WE DROVE IN THE LOW-BACKED CAR, TO BE MARRIED BY FATHER MAHER
D - F#o **Bm - D**
OH MY HEART WOULD BEAT HIGH AT HER GLANCE AND HER SIGH,
D - G **D**
THOUGH IT BEAT IN A LOW-BACKED CAR