

THE CAT CAME BACK

Em D C B7
OLD MISTER JOHNSON HAD TROUBLES OF HIS OWN
Em D C B7
HE HAD A YELLOW CAT WHICH WOULDN'T LEAVE ITS HOME;
Em D C B7
HE TRIED AND HE TRIED TO GIVE THE CAT AWAY,
Em D C B7
HE GAVE IT TO A MAN GOING FAR, FAR AWAY
Em D C B7
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
Em D C B7
THE CAT CAME BACK, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GONER,
Em D C B7 Em Em
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
Em D C B7
THE MAN AROUND THE CORNER SWORE HE'D KILL THE CAT ON SIGHT
Em D C B7
HE LOADED UP HIS SHOTGUN WITH NAILS AND DYNAMITE
Em D C B7
HE WAITED AND HE WAITED FOR THE CAT TO COME AROUND
Em D C B7
NINETY SEVEN PIECES OF THE MAN IS ALL THEY FOUND
Em D C B7
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
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THE CAT CAME BACK, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GONER,
Em D C B7 Em Em
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
Em D C B7
HE GAVE IT TO A LITTLE BOY WITH A DOLLAR NOTE
Em D C B7
TOLD HIM FOR TO TAKE IT UP THE RIVER IN A BOAT
Em D C B7
THEY TIED A ROPE AROUND ITS NECK, IT MUST HAVE WEIGHED A POUND
Em D C B7
NOW THEY DRAG THE RIVER FOR A LITTLE BOY THAT'S DROWNED.
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BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
Em D C B7
HE GAVE IT TO A MAN GOING UP IN A BALLOON
Em D C B7
HE TOLD HIM FOR TAKE IT TO THE MAN IN THE MOON
Em D C B7
THE BALLOON CAME DOWN ABOUT NINETY MILES AWAY
Em D C B7
WHERE HE IS NOW, WELL I DARE NOT SAY
Em D C B7
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
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Em D C B7 Em Em
BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.

Em D C B7
 HE GAVE IT TO A MAN GOING WAY OUT WEST
 Em D C B7
 TOLD HIM FOR TO TAKE IT TO THE ONE HE LOVED THE BEST
 Em D C B7
 FIRST THE TRAIN HIT THE CURVE, THEN IT JUMPED THE RAIL
 Em D C B7
 NOT A SOUL WAS LEFT BEHIND TO TELL THE GRUESOME TALE
 Em D C B7
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
 Em D C B7
 THE CAT CAME BACK, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GONER,
 Em D C B7 Em Em
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
 Em D C B7
 THE CAT IT HAD SOME COMPANY ONE NIGHT OUT IN THE YARD
 Em D C B7
 SOMEONE THREW A BOOT-JACK AND THEY THREW IT MIGHTY HARD
 Em D C B7
 IT CAUGHT THE CAT BEHIND THE EAR, SHE THOUGHT IT RATHER SLIGHT
 Em D C B7
 WHEN ALONG CAME A BRICK-BAT AND KNOCKED THE CAT OUT OF SIGHT
 Em D C B7
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
 Em D C B7
 THE CAT CAME BACK, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GONER,
 Em D C B7 Em Em
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
 Em D C B7
 AWAY ACROSS THE OCEAN THEY DID SEND THE CAT AT LAST
 Em D C B7
 VESSEL ONLY OUT A DAY AND MAKING THE WATER FAST
 Em D C B7
 PEOPLE ALL BEGAN TO PRAY, THE BOAT BEGAN TO TOSS
 Em D C B7
 A GREAT BIG GUST OF WIND CAME BY AND EVERY SOUL WAS LOST.
 Em D C B7
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 THE CAT CAME BACK, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GONER,
 Em D C B7 Em Em
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK, IT JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
 Em D C B7
 ON A TELEGRAPH WIRE, SPARROWS SITTING IN A BUNCH
 Em D C B7
 THE CAT WAS FEELING HUNGRY, THOUGHT SHE'D LIKE 'EM FOR A LUNCH
 Em D C B7
 CLIMBING SOFTLY UPON THE POLE, AND WHEN SHE REACHED THE TOP,
 Em D C B7
 PUT HER FOOT UPON THE ELECTRIC WIRE, WHICH TIED HER IN A KNOT
 Em D C B7
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 Em D C B7 Em Em
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Em **D** **C** **B7**
 THE CAT WAS A POSSESSOR OF A FAMILY OF ITS OWN
Em **D** **C** **B7**
 WITH SEVEN LITTLE KITTENS, 'TIL THERE CAME A CYCLONE
Em **D** **C** **B7**
 BLEW THE HOUSES ALL APART AND TOSSED THE CAT AROUND
Em **D** **C** **B7**
 THE AIR WAS FULL OF KITTENS, AND NOT A ONE WAS EVER FOUND.
 Em **D** **C** **B7**
 BUT THE CAT CAME BACK THE VERY NEXT DAY,
Em **D** **C** **B7**
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Em **D** **C** **B7** **Em** **Em**
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