

# The Cat Came Back

Swing

Harry S. Miller 1893

Em D C B Em D

Musical staff for measures 1-3 in 4/4 time. The melody starts on E4, moves to E4, then E4-F#4-F#4-F#4, then G4-E4, G4-A4, B4-F#4, and ends on F#4. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, D, C, B, Em, D.

Old Mister John-son had trou-bles of his own, He had a yel-low cat that

4 C B Em D C B

Musical staff for measures 4-6 in 4/4 time. The melody starts on G4, moves to E4, G4, then B4, B4, B4, A4, A4, then C4, B4, C4, and ends on B4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, B, Em, D, C, B.

would-n't leave his home, He tried and he tried to give the cat a - way, He

7 Em D C B CHORUS: Em D

Musical staff for measures 7-9 in 4/4 time. The melody starts on E4, moves to E4, E4, E4, F#4, then G4, G4, G4, F#4, then E4, D4, and ends on C4. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, D, C, B, CHORUS: Em, D.

gave it to a man go-ing far a - way. But the cat came back, the

10 C B Em D C B

Musical staff for measures 10-12 in 4/4 time. The melody starts on G4, moves to E4, G4, then F#4, G4, A4, B4, then C4, B4, C4, and ends on B4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, B, Em, D, C, B.

ve - ry next day, Yes, the cat came back, they thought he was a gon - er, But the

## The Cat Came Back

13 Em D C B Em D C B Em

cat came back, it just wouldn't stay a - way.

Now the man around the corner swore he'd kill the cat on sight,  
 He loaded up his shotgun with nails and dynamite  
 He waited and he waited for the cat to come around,  
 Ninety-seven pieces of the man is all they found.

Chorus:

But the cat came back, the very next day,  
 Yes, the cat came back, they thought it was a goner,  
 But the cat came back, it just wouldn't stay away...

He gave it to a man going up in a balloon,  
 Told him he should take it to the Man in the Moon,  
 The balloon came down about 90 miles away,  
 Where he is now, well, I dare not say. Chorus...

He gave it to a man going way out west,  
 Told him he should take it to the one he loved the best,  
 First, the train hit the curve, then it jumped the rail,  
 Not a soul was left behind to tell the gruesome tale. Chorus...

Away across the ocean he sent the cat at last,  
 Vessel only out a day, taking water fast,  
 People all began to pray, the boat began to toss,  
 A great big gust of wind came by and every soul was lost. Chorus...