

The Cat Came Back

Swing

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Em D C B Em D C B

Old Mister Johnson had troubles of his own, He

5 Em D C B

5 had a yellow cat that would - n't leave his home, He

7 Em D C B

7 tried and he tried to give the cat a - way, He

9 Em D C B

9 gave it to a man go - ing far ___ a - way. CHORUS: But the

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Em D C B Em D

11 cat came back, the ve - ry next day, Yes, the cat came back, they

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C B Em D C B Em D

14 thought he was a gon-er, But the cat came back, it just wouldn't stay a - way.

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C B Em D C B Em

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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...

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...