

The Cat Came Back

Swing

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Old Mister Johnson had troubles of his own, He

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble and bass clef. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics 'Old Mister Johnson had troubles of his own, He' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics 'had a yel - low cat that would - n't leave his home, He' are written below the treble staff.

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

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics 'tried and he tried to give the cat a - way, He' are written below the treble staff.

9 4 - 3

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

CHORUS:

The fourth system concludes the piece with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics 'gave it to a man go - ing far ___ a - way. But the' are written below the treble staff. The word 'CHORUS:' is written above the end of the system.

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

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

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right hand

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...