

Em D C B7
Old Mr. Johnson, he had troubles all his own, He

Em D C
had an old yeller tomcat who wouldn't leave his

B7 Em D C
home. He tried and he tried to give that cat

B7 Em D C B7
a way, He gave it to a man who was going far a way.

[chorus]:

Em D C
But the cat came back the very next

B7 Em D C
day, The cat came back, they thought

B7 Em D
he was a goner, But the cat came back,

C B7 Em D
he just wouldn't stay a way, a way,

C B7 Em D C B7 Em D C B7
a way, a way, No, no, no, no. No, no, no, no.

Em D C
Well the man around the corner hated that cat

B7 Em D
with all his might, He loaded up his ^{shotgu}_n

C B7 Em D
with nails and dyna mite. He waited and he waited

C B7 Em D C B7
for that cat to come a round, Ninety-seven pieces of that man were all they found.

[chorus]

Em D C
Well they gave a kid a quarter to let that cat

B7 Em D
drown. He rowed him out to the river, there was

C B7 Em D
water all a round. He tied a rope a round his

C B7

neck, it must have weighed a pound. Now they're

Em D C B7
draggin' that old river for the little boy that drowned.

[chorus]

Em D C B7

They gave it to the butcher to kill to day.

Em D C B7
He put it through the meat grinder and ground a way.

Em D C
The cat disap peared with a blood-curdling

B7 Em D C B7
shriek! And the meat tasted foul for almost a week.

[chorus]

Em D C B7 Em D
Now the atom bomb fell to day. The H-bomb fell in

C B7 Em D
the very same way. England went, France went,

C B7 Em D C B7
then the good ol' U. S. A. Even (fill in) was blown a way.

[chorus]

The Cat Came Back

Old Mr. Johnson had problems of his own.
He had a little cat that just wouldn't leave his home.
He tried and he tried to give the cat away.
He gave it to a little man going far far away...

But the cat came back the very next day.
The cat came back. They thought he was a goner
But the cat came back. He just wouldn't stay away.
He gave it to a man going in a balloon he said he'd take it away it didn't go very far...
But the cat came the very next day the cat came back they thought he was a goner.
But the came back. he just wouldn't stay away.

He gave it to a little boy for a five-dollar note.
He told the boy to take the cat up river on a boat.
The boat turned over and was never found,
And now they drag the river for the little boy who drowned...

But the cat came back the very next day.
The cat came back. They thought he was a goner
But the cat came back. He just wouldn't stay away.
The man around the corner said he'd shoot the cat on sight.
He loaded up his shotgun full of nails and dynamite.
He waited... and he waited... 'till the cat came walking round
And ninety-nine pieces of the man was all they found...

But the cat came back the very next day.
The cat came back. They thought he was a goner
But the cat came back. He just wouldn't stay away.

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

But the cat came back the very next day.
The cat came back. They thought he was a goner,
But the cat came back. He just wouldn't stay away.

The H-bomb fell the other next day.
The A-bomb fell in the exact same way.
First Russia! Then China! And then the USA.
The entire human race was left without a chance to pray...

But the cat came back the very next day.
The cat came back. They thought he was a goner,
But the cat came back. He just wouldn't stay away.