

# Pop! Goes the Weasel

Words & Music:  
Traditional English

C G7 C G7 C  
All around the mulberry bush the monkey chased the weasel.  
C G7 C F G7 C  
The monkey thought 'twas all in fun. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
Am G Am G  
A penny for a spool of thread, a penny for a needle.  
F G7 C  
That's the way the money goes! Pop! Goes the weasel!

Half a pound of two penny rice, half a pound of treacle.  
Mix it up and make it nice! Pop! Goes the weasel!  
Up and down the City Road. In and out of the Eagle.  
That's the way the money goes! Pop! Goes the weasel!

I've no time to wait and sigh; no patience to wait 'til by 'n by.  
So, kiss me quick, I'm off, goodbye! Pop! Goes the weasel!  
A penny for a spool of thread, a penny for a needle.  
That's the way the money goes! Pop! Goes the weasel!

You may try to sew and sew and never make something regal  
So, roll it up and let it go. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
I went to a lawyer today for something very legal.  
He asked me how much I'm willing to pay. Pop! Goes the weasel!

I will bargain all my days but never again so feeble.  
I paid for ev'ry legal phrase. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
A painter would his lover paint as he stood before the easel.  
A monkey jumped all over the paint. Pop! Goes the weasel!

When his lover she did laugh, his temper got very lethal.  
He tore the painting up in half. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
I went hunting up in the woods, it wasn't very legal!  
The dog and I were caught with the goods! Pop! Goes the weasel!

I said I didn't hunt or sport The warden looked at me beagle.  
He said to tell it to the court. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
My son and I went to the fair and there were lots of people.  
We spent a lot of money, I swear. Pop! Goes the weasel!

I got sick from all the sun. My sonny boy got the measles.  
But, still we had a lot of fun. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
I went up and down the coast to find a golden eagle.  
I climbed the rocks and thought I was close. Pop! Goes the weasel!

But, alas! I lost my way. Saw nothing but a sea gull.  
I tore my pants and killed the day. Pop! Goes the weasel!  
I went to a grocery store. I thought a little cheese'll  
Be good to catch a mouse in the floor. Pop! Goes the weasel!

But, the mouse was very bright. He wasn't a mouse to wheedle.  
He took the cheese and said, "Goodnight!" Pop! Goes the weasel!  
A penny for a spool of thread, a penny for a needle.  
That's the way the money goes! Pop! Goes the weasel!

*GAME:*

- \* *Choose one child to be the weasel.*
- \* *Have the rest of the children divided into even groups.*
- \* *In each group number the children off 1,2,3, and so on*
- \* *The weasel stands in the center as the groups dance around him in their own circles singing 'pop goes the weasel'.*
- \* *When a number is called all the children of that number and the weasel join in a circle in the middle dancing and singing 'pop goes the weasel' while the other children remain in their own group's circle around the outside.*
- \* *When 'pop goes the weasel' is reached all those children run to find an empty circle, the other groups have formed on the outside.*
- \* *The remaining child is the weasel.*