

# The Cat Came Back

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*Make up your own verses! In fact, so many people have added their own verses that you'll find a zillion versions on the web! There is also a brilliant cartoon of this made by the Canadian Film Board back in the 1970s or 1980s. See it if you can.*

Bm A G F# [why yes, this is the same vamp as "Stray Cat Strut"]

Old Mr. Johnson had troubles of his own  
He had a yellow cat that wouldn't leave his home.  
He tried and he tried just to give the cat away.  
He gave it to a neighbor who was moving far away.

CHORUS:

But, the cat came back the very next day.  
But, the cat came back, they thought he was a goner.  
Yes, the cat came back the very next day.

G F# Bm A G F#  
He just couldn't stay away.

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 little boy with a dollar note,  
Told him for to take it up the river in a boat;  
They tied a rope around its neck, it must have weighed a pound  
Now they drag the river for a little boy that's drowned.

CHORUS

He gave it to a man going 'way out west.  
He told him for to give it to the one he loved the best,  
The train left the track, it hit a broken rail.  
And not a soul was left alive to tell the tragic tale.

CHORUS

He gave it to a man going up in a balloon,  
He told him for to take it to the man in the moon;  
The balloon came down about ninety miles away,  
Where he is now, well I dare not say.

CHORUS