

THE MARVELOUS TOY (TOM PAXTON, 1968)

D A7 D G
When I was just a wee little lad full of health and joy

G D E A7
My father homeward came one night and gave to me a toy

D A7 D G
A wonder to behold it was with many colors bright

G D E7 A7
And the moment I laid eyes on it, it became my heart's delight

Chorus:

D A7
It went "Zip" when it moved and "Bop" when it stopped
It still goes "Zip" when it moves and "Bop" when it stops (Last Chorus)
D G
and "whirr" when it stood still
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G D A7 D
I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will
Neither one of us knows just what it is, and I guess we never will

The first time that I picked it up I had a big surprise
For right on its bottom were two big buttons that looked like big green eyes
I first pushed one and then the other and then I twisted its lid
And when I set it down again, here is what it did.

It first marched left and then marched right and then marched under a chair
And when I looked where it had gone it wasn't even there
I started to cry and my daddy laughed, for he knew that I would find
When I turned around, my marvelous toy chugging from behind

Well the years have gone by too quickly it seems and I have my own little boy
And yesterday I gave to him my marvelous little toy
His eyes nearly popped right out of his head and he gave a squeal of glee
Neither one of us knows just what it is but he loves it just like me