The Marvellous Toy   Tom Paxton 1962 (Chad Mitchell Trio)
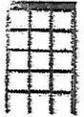
Intro: F C G7 C   1st Note: G

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        C       '      G7    /    C    /     G7    /
When I was just a wee little lad, full of health and joy
      F    /      C      /       D    /    G7    /
My father homeward came one night and gave to me a toy.
  C    /   G7     /      C    /     F    /
A wonder to behold it was, with many colours bright,
        F      (F/C  F)   C    /        D    /       G7    /
And the moment   I     laid eyes on it, it be-came my heart's de-light.
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Chorus:
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              C                  G7
        It went zip when it moved, bop when it stopped,
         C                         F
        Whirrrrr when it stood still.
         F   (F/C  F)  C            G7         C
        I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will.
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      C           G7      C          G7
The first time that I picked it up, I had a big sur-prise,
      F               C             D              G7
For right on it's bottom were two big buttons that looked like big green eyes.
  C           G7        C            F
I first pushed one, then the other, then I twisted its lid,
      F   (F/C  F)  C       D         G7
And when   I     set it down again, here is what it did.
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Chorus

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  C                    G7          C              G7
It first marched left and then marched right, then marched under a chair,
      F              C       D        G7
And when I looked where it had gone it wasn't even there.
  C                      G7               C          F
I started to cry but my daddy laughed, cause he knew that I would find,
      F    (F/C  F) C                D          G7
When I turned a-round my marvellous toy would be chugging on behind.
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Chorus

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      C                    G7          C             G7
Now the years have gone by too quickly it seems, I have my own little boy,
      F        C        D          G7
And yesterday I gave to him my marvellous little toy.
  C                   G7              C             F
His eyes nearly popped right out of his head, he gave a squeal of glee.
      F    (F/C  F) C          D          G7
Neither one of us knows just what it is but he loves it just like me.
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Chorus (modified – present tense!)
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        It still goes (C) zip when it moves, (G7) bop when it stops,
        (C) Whirrrrr when it stands (F) still.
        I (F) still don't know just (C) what it is and I (G7) guess I never (C) will. (repeat)
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