

## **Anthony Newley**

# **"Pop Goes The Weasel"**

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Half a pound of tuppenny rice  
Half a pound of treacle  
That's the way the money goes  
Pop goes the weasel

Ha ha, yeah

Half a pound of tuppenny rice  
Half a pound of treacle  
That's the way the money goes  
Pop goes the weasel

Every night, when I go out  
The weasel's on the table  
Take a stick and knock it off  
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

Half a pound of tuppenny rice  
Half a pound of treacle  
Mix it up and make it nice  
Pop goes the weasel

You know, pop goes the weasel  
For years, I've wondered  
What that meant  
And nobody seemed to know

So, I looked it up  
And the official explanation  
Goes something like this

Pop goes the weasel refers to  
The habit of London hatters long ago  
Popping or pawning their weasels  
Or accessories on Saturday night  
To buy liquor, isn't that interesting

Up and down the city road  
In and out of the eagle  
That's the way the money goes  
Pop goes the weasel

But you know  
I've got a theory of my own  
About pop goes the weasel  
It's much simpler

Why did the weasel go pop, go pop  
Pop, pop goes the weasel  
Why did the weasel go pop  
'Cause they upped the price  
Of tuppenny rice to four pence

How did the pop get into the weasel  
Weasel, pop goes the weasel  
How did the pop get in there  
Well, the weasel caught his  
Beakle in the treacle

Now, if you've got a weasel  
And you don't want him to pop  
The next time you go shopping  
Don't you take him in the shop  
Two, three, four

Half a pound of tuppenny rice  
Half a pound of treacle  
Now that is the way  
That the money goes  
Pop goes the weasel

Every night, when I go out  
The weasel's sitting on the table  
Now I take a stick  
And I knock it off  
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

Together now

Half a pound of tuppenny rice  
Half a pound of treacle  
Now, I mix it up  
And I make it nice

Pop, pop, pop goes the weasel

Pop, pop, pop goes the weasel  
Poppity, poppity, pop  
Goes the weasel now

Would you excuse me for a moment  
I'm just gonna pop my weasel

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