

Tom Paxton "The Marvelous Toy"

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(Tom Paxton)

When I was just a wee little lad full of health and joy
My father homeward came one night and gave to me a
toy

A wonder to behold, it was, with many colors bright
And the moment I laid eyes on it it became my heart's
delight

It went "zip" when it moved and "bop" when it stopped
And "whirr" when it stood still

I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will.

The first time that I picked it up, I had a big surprise

For right on it's bottom were two big buttons that

Looked like big green eyes.

I first pushed one and then the other, and then I twisted
it's lid

And when I set it down again, this 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 sob 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,

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.

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