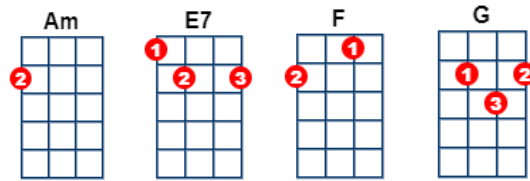


The Cat Came Back – Traditional



[Am] Old Mr. [G] Johnson had [F] troubles of his [E7] own.
He [Am] had a yellow [G] cat which [F] wouldn't leave its [E7] home.
He [Am] tried and he [G] tried to [F] give the cat [E7] away.
He [Am] gave it to a [G] man going [F] far, far [E7] away.

...But the [Am] cat came [G] back the [F] very next [E7] day.
The [Am] cat came [G] back, they [F] thought he was a [E7] goner.
But the [Am] cat came [G] back, it [F] just couldn't [E7] stay... [Am] Away. [G] [F] [E7]

He [Am] gave it to a [G] man goin' [F] way out [E7] west.
[Am] Told him for to [G] take it to the [F] one he loved the [E7] best.
First the [Am] train hit the [G] curve, then it [F] jumped the [E7] rail.
Not a [Am] soul was left be-[G]hind to tell the [F] gruesome [E7] tale.

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He [Am] gave it to a [G] little girl [F] with a dollar [E7] note.
[Am] Told her to [G] take it up the [F] river in a [E7] boat.
They [Am] tied a rope [G] around its neck, it [F] must have weighed a [E7] pound.
But they [Am] had to drag the [G] river for the [F] little girl who [E7] drowned.

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But the [Am] cat came [G] back, it [F] just couldn't [E7] stay... [Am] Away. [G] [F] [E7]

The [Am] man around the [G] corner swore he'd [F] kill the cat on [E7] sight.
He [Am] loaded up his [G] shotgun with [F] nails and dyna-[E7]mite.
He [Am] waited and he [G] waited for the [F] cat to come [E7] around.
[Am] 97 [G] pieces of the [F] man is all they [E7] found.

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The [Am] atom bomb [G] fell one [F] bright summer [E7] day.
[Am] Then they dropped the [G] H-bomb the [F] very same [E7] way.
[Am] Russia went, [G] England went & [F] then the US-[E7]A.
The [Am] human race was [G] finished with-[F]out a chance to [E7] pray.

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[Am] [G] [F] [E7], [Am]