Marvellous Toy  (Tom Paxton)  4 / 4 time  start notes: G C C E D D D D

C          G          C          G7
When I was just a wee little lad full of health and joy
F          C          D7          G
My father homeward came one night and gave to me a toy.
C          G          C          F
A wonder to behold it was with many colours bright,
C          D7          G
And the moment I laid eyes on it, it became my heart’s delight. (pause)

chorus:   C          G
It goes zip when it moves (pause) and bop when it stops (pause)
C          F
Whirrs when it’s stood still (pause)
C          G7          C
I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will.

C          G          C          G7
The first time that I picked it up >, I had a big surprise >,
F          C          D7          G
For right on its bottom > were two big buttons > that looked like big green eyes >.
C          G          C          F
I first pushed one > and then the other >, then I twisted its lid >,
C          D7          G
And when I sat it down again here is what it did: (pause) chorus: ......

C          G          C          G7
It first marched right > and then marched left >, then marched under a chair >,
F          C          D7          G
And when I looked where it had gone it wasn’t even there >.
C          G          C          F
I started to cry and my daddy laughed for he knew what I would find
when I turned around; my marvellous toy chugging from behind. (pause) chorus: ..

4th verse – no pauses
C          G          C          G7
Now the years have gone by too quickly it seems, I have my own little boy,
F          C          D7          G
And yesterday I gave to him my marvellous little toy.
C          G          C          F
His eyes nearly popped right out of his head, he gave a squeal of glee,
C          D7          G
Neither one knows just what it is, but he loves it just like me. (pause)

chorus:  ( no pauses )
C          G
It goes zip when it moves and bop when it stops,
C          F
Whirrs when it’s stood still,
F          C          G7          C
I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will. (repeat line)