

**THE MARVELOUS TOY** by 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



**[CHORUS]**

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

Now the first time that I picked it up  
I had a big surprise  
For right on the bottom were two big buttons  
That looked like big green eyes  
I first pushed one and then the other,  
Then I twisted it's lid  
And when I set it down again

This is what it did:

**[CHORUS]**

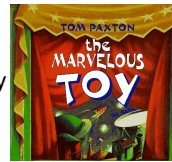


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Then marched under the chair  
And when I looked where it had gone  
It wasn't even there!  
I started to cry but my Daddy laughed,  
For he knew that I would find  
When I turned around my marvelous toy  
Came chugging from behind

**[CHORUS]**

Well, the years have gone by  
Too quickly it seems  
I have my own little boy  
And yesterday I gave to him  
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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