

The Marvelous Toy

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All: 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.

Refrain: **It went “Zip” when it moved and “Pop” when it stopped,
“Whirrr” when it stood still
I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will.**

All: The first time that I picked it up I had a big surprise
Cause 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 its lid
And when I set it down again, here is what it did:

Refrain:

All: 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 cry, but my daddy laughed, 'cause he knew that I would find,
When I turned around my marvelous toy would be chugging from behind.

Refrain:

All: 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!

Refrain: **It still goes “Zip” when it moves and “Pop” when it stops,
“Whirrr” when it stands still
We never knew just what it was and I guess we never will.**

**We never knew just what it was
and I guess — we — ne—ver — will!**