The Cat Came Back
(Fred Penner version)

Words & Music:
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Fred plays it in Em with the "Stray Cat Strut" version of the chords [Em D C B7]
and this bass line under the chords:

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     Em  D  C  B7
D |------0--------|
A |---------3--2--|   [repeat ad infinitum until song is done]
E |--0------------|
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Old Mister Johnson had troubles of his own.
He had a yellow cat which wouldn't leave its home;
He tried and he tried to give the cat away,
He gave it to a man goin' far, far away.

CHORUS:
But the cat came back the very next day,
The cat came back, we thought he was a goner
But the cat came back; it just couldn't stay away.
[spoken:] Give me a "Meow". "Meow!"

The man around the corner swore he'd kill the cat on sight,
He loaded up his shotgun with nails and dynamite;
He waited and he waited for the cat to come around,
Ninety-seven pieces of the man is all that they found.

CHORUS:

He gave it to a man going up in a balloon,
He told him for to take it to the man in the moon;
The balloon came down about ninety miles away,
Where the man is now, well, I dare not say.

CHORUS:

He gave it to a man going way out West,
Told him for to take it to the one he loved the best;
First the train hit the track, then it jumped the rail,
Not a soul was left behind to tell the gruesome tale.

CHORUS:

The cat was a possessor of a family of its own,
With seven little kittens till there came a cyclone;
Blew the houses all apart and tossed the cat around,
The air was full of kittens, and not a one was ever found.

CHORUS: *[2x]*