The Cat Came Back
(KCH version)

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This is the version I learned as a kid. Use the "Stray Cat Strut" version of the chords. I play it in Bm [Bm - A - G - F#]. Guys might prefer it in Em [Em - D - C - B7]. Make up your own verses, too!

Old Mr. Johnson had troubles of his own
He had a yellow cat that wouldn't leave his home.
He tried and he tried just to give the cat away.
He gave it to a neighbor who was moving far away.

CHORUS:
But, the cat came back the very next day.
But, the cat came back, they thought he was a goner.
Yes, the cat came back the very next day.
   G   F#   Bm   A   G   F# *[etc.]*
He just couldn't stay away.

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 they found.

CHORUS:

He gave it to a little boy with a dollar note,
Told him for to take it up the river in a boat;
They tied a rope around its neck, it must have weighed a pound
Now, they drag the river for a little boy that's drowned.

CHORUS:

He gave it to a man going 'way out west.
He told him for to give it to the one he loved the best,
The train left the track, it hit a broken rail.
And not a soul was left alive to tell the tragic tale.

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 he is now, well, I dare not say.

CHORUS: