

The Cat Came Back #5

Verse #1: Poor Mr. Johnson had trouble more and more
With a stray yellow cat meowing at the door.
His allergy implored him to make her disappear
So he kindly tossed her out upon her ear.

Chorus: **But the cat came back the very next day.**
The cat came back. We thought she was a goner
But the cat came back. She would not stay away.

Verse #2: Mr. Johnson placed an open can of tuna on the track.
The kitty sat there eating and forgot to watch her back.
A mighty locomotive came chugging round the bend.
Mr. Johnson thought he saw his troubles end.

Chorus

Verse #3: Mr. Johnson knew a bachelor who was going on a cruise.
He convinced him that a cat would line the ladies up in queues.
Indeed the yellow cat had drawn a beauty to his flank
When the cruise ship hit an iceberg and it sank.

Chorus

Verse #4: Mr. Johnson freed a mouse near a bottling machine.
The yellow cat chased it up the belt and in-between.
We could hear the tortured yowling round the corner from the shop.
For a week they made some fuzzy-tasting pop.

Chorus

Verse #5: Mr. Johnson kept counting 'til he knew eight lives had passed.
He held on to the notion that the ninth would be the last.
He locked the cat inside a rocket which he shot to outer space.
The moon grew one new crater on its face. **Chorus**

Verse #6: Mr. Johnson cried out in frustration and despair.
He dreamed that night that his grandmama was there.
She said, "The cat must really love you. She refuses to depart!"
When Mr. Johnson woke he'd had a change of heart.

Chorus: "I'll keep that cat," Mr. Johnson said.
"I'll keep that cat, since I cannot make her leave me.
I'll find a way to make her my pet instead."

Verse #7: But when he went to tell her, the yellow cat was gone.
For a week he couldn't find her in the house or on the lawn.
But the day she finally showed up, she didn't come alone.
She brought seven yellow kittens of her own!

Last Chorus: The cat came back, finally to stay.
The cat came back. Anybody want a kitten?
The cat came back. She would not stay away.

"The Cat Came Back" is a well-known folk song, first written in 1893 by Harry S. Miller. Monty Harper wrote and recorded this new version of the song for the 2006 summer library reading program theme, "Paws Claws Scales and Tales."