

Maxwell's Silver Hammer

(Written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Recorded by the Beatles 1969.)

(D) Joan was quizzical, **(B7)** studied pataphysical
(Em) Science in the home
(A7) Late nights all alone with a test tube, **(D)** oh, oh oh **(A)** oh
(D) Maxwell Edison, **(B7)** majoring in medicine
(Em) Calls her on the phone
(A7) "Can I take you out to the pictures **(D)** Jo-o-o-**(A)**oan?"
But **(E7)** as she's getting ready to go,
A **(A7)** knock comes on the door

(D) Bang! Bang! Maxwell's silver hammer
Came **(E7)** down upon her head
(A7) Clang! Clang! Maxwell's silver hammer
Made **(Em)** sure that **(A7)** she was **(D)** dead

(D) Back in school again **(B7)** Maxwell plays the fool again,
(Em) Teacher gets annoyed
(A7) Wishing to avoid an unpleasant **(D)** sce-e-e-**(A)**ene
(D) She tells Max to stay **(B7)** when the class has gone away,
(Em) So he waits behind
(A7) Writing fifty times, "I must not be **(D)** so-o-o-**(A)**o
But **(E7)** when she turns her back on the boy
He **(A7)** creeps up from behind

(chorus)

(D) P.C. Thirty One **(B7)** said, "We caught a dirty one",
(Em) Maxwell stands alone
(A7) Painting testimonial pictures, **(D)** oh, oh oh **(A)** oh
(D) Rose and Valerie **(B7)** screaming from the gallery,
(Em) Say he must go free (*Maxwell must go free*)
The **(A7)** judge does not agree, and he tells them **(D)** so-o-o-**(A)**o
But **(E7)** as the words are leaving his lips
A **(A7)** noise comes from behind

(chorus)

