

Maxwell's Silver Hammer

(The Beatles, 1969)

INTRO: C D7 G7 C↓ G7↓ C↓ C C

C A7 Dm
Joan was quizzical, studied pataphysical science in the home,

G7 C G
Late nights all alone with a test tube, oh, oh, oh, oh,

C A7 Dm
Maxwell Edison, majoring in medicine, calls her on the phone,

G7 C G
"Can I take you out to the pictures, Joa-oa-oa-oan?"

D7 G7 (PLAY on 4th string)
But as she's getting ready to go, a knock comes on the door. (0 2 4)

C D7
Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came down upon her head,

G7 Dm G7 C↓ G7↓ C↓
Clang clang Maxwell's silver hammer made sure that she was dead.

C C

C A7 Dm
Back in school again, Maxwell plays the fool again, teacher gets annoyed,

G7 C G
Wishing to avoid an unpleasant sce-e-e-ene,

C A7 Dm
She tells Max to stay when the class has gone away, so he waits behind,

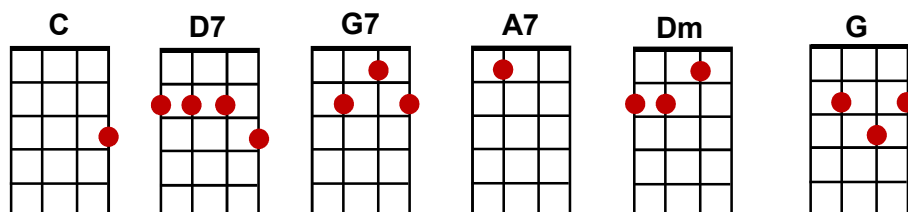
G7 C G
Writing fifty times "I must not be so-o-o-o.."

D7 G7 (PLAY on 4th string)
But when she turns her back on the boy, he creeps up from behind. (0 2 4)

C D7
Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came down upon her head,

G7 Dm G7 C↓ G7↓ C↓
Clang clang Maxwell's silver hammer made sure that she was dead.

C C



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C **A7** **Dm**
 P.C. Thirty-one, said "We've caught a dirty one", Maxwell stands alone,
G7 **C** **G**
 Painting testimonial pictures, oh, oh, oh, oh,
C **A7** **Dm**
 Rose and Valerie, screaming from the gallery, say he must go free
(Maxwell must go free)

G7 **C** **G**
 The judge does not agree and he tells them, so-o-o-o,
D7 **G7** *(PLAY on 4th string)*
 But as the words are leaving his lips, a noise comes from behind. *(0 2 4)*

C **D7**
 Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came down upon his head,
G7 **Dm** **G7**
 Clang clang Maxwell's silver hammer made sure that he was dead,
C **D7**
 Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came down upon his head,
G7 **Dm** **G7** **C**↓ **G7**↓ **C**↓
 Clang clang Maxwell's silver hammer made sure that he was dead.

OUTRO: **C** **D7** **G7** **C**↓ **G7**↓ **C**↓

