

The Surrey with the Fringe On Top

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Chicks and ducks and geese better scurry
When I take you out in the surrey
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With the fringe on top Watch that fringe and see how it flutters
When I drive them high steppin' strutters
Nosey pokes'll peek thru their shutters
And their eyes will pop The wheels are yellow, the upholstery's brown
The dashboard's genuine leather
With isinglass curtains y' can roll right down
In case there's a change in the weather Two bright sidelights winkin' and blinkin'
Ain't no finer rig I'm a thinkin'
You can keep your rig if you're thinkin'
'At I'd care to swap
For that shiny little surrey
With the fringe on the top Did you say the fringe was made of silk
Wouldn't have no other kind but silk
Has it really got a team of snow white horses
One's like snow, the other's more like milk
So y' c'n tell them apart All the world 'll fly in a flurry
When I take you out in the surrey
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With the fringe on top When we hit that road hell for leather
Cats and dogs 'll dance in the heather
Birds and frogs 'll sing altogether
And the toads 'll hop The wind 'll whistle as we rattle along
The cow 'll moo in the clover
The river 'll ripple out a whispered song
And whisper it over and over Don't you wisht it'd go on forever
Don't you wisht it'd go on forever
Don't you wisht it'd go on forever
And it'd never stop
In that shiny little surrey
With the fringe on top I can see the stars gettin' blurry
As we ride back home in the surrey
Riding slowly home in the surrey
With the fringe on top I can feel the day gettin' older
Feel a sleepy head near my shoulder
Noddin', droopin' close to my shoulder
'Til it falls ker-plop The sun is swimmin' on the rim of a hill

The moon is takin' a header
And just as I'm thinkin' all the earth is still
A lark 'll wake up in the meaderHush you bird my baby is sleepin'
Maybe got a dream worth a keepin'
Whoa you team, just keep a creepin'
At a slow clip-clop
Don't you hurry with the surrey
With the fringe on the top

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