

When father papered the parlour (R.P. Weston)

Our [C] parlour [G7] wanted [C] papering, and [G7] Pa says it was [C] waste
To [F] call a paperhanger [C] in, and [D7] so he made some paste [G7]
He [C] bought some [G7] rolls of [C] paper, got a [D7] ladder and a brush [G]
And [C] with my [G7] mummy's [C] nightgown [F] on,
at [D7] it he [G7] made a [C] rush

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[F] Paste and paper [G7] everywhere
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The [F] children stuck to the [C] floor
I [F] never knew a [C] blooming family [G7] so stuck up before [C]

The [C] pattern was blue [G7] roses
with its [C] leaves red, [D7] white and [G7] brown
He's [F] stuck it wrong way [C] up and now, we [D7] all walk upside [G7] down
And [C] when he trimm'd the [G7] edging off the [C] paper with the [G7] shears
The [C] cat got under-[C]-neath it, and dad [D7] cut off [G7] both its [C] ears

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Soon [C] dad fell down the [G7] stairs
and dropp'd his [D7] paperhanger's [G] can
On [F] little Henri-[C]-etta
sitting [D7] there with her young [G7] man
The [C] paste stuck them [G7] together,
as we [C] thought t'would be for [G7] life
We [C] had to [G7] fetch the [C] parson in
to [D7] make them [G7] man and [C] wife

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We're [C] never going to [G7] move away
from [D7] that house any-[G]- more
For [F] father's gone and [C] stuck the chairs
and [D7] table to the floor [G7]

We [C] can't find our [G7] piano,
though it's [D7] broad and rather [G] tall
We [C] think that [G7] it's be-[C]-hind the paper
[D7] Pa [G7] stuck on the [C] wall

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Now [C] father's sticking [G7] in the pub,
through [D7] treading in the [G7] paste
And [F] all the family's [C] so upset,
they've [D7] all gone pasty [G] faced
While [C] Pa says, now that [G7] Ma has spread the [D7] news
from North to [G] South
He [C] wishes he has [G7] dropped a blob
of [D7] paste in [G7] mother's [C] mouth

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