# Maxwell’s Silver Hammer

Lennon-McCartney 1969 (The Beatles)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [G]↓ [G]↓ [G]↓ [G]↓**

**[G]** Joan was quizzical **[E7]** studied pataphysical **[Am]** science in the home

**[D7]** Late nights all alone with a test tube **[G]** oh oh-oh **[D7]** oh

**[G]** Maxwell Edison **[E7]** majoring in medicine **[Am]** calls her on the phone

**[D7]** Can I take you out to the pictures **[G]** Jo-o-o-**[D7]**oan

But **[A7]↓** as she's getting ready to go **↑ ↓ ↑**

A **[D7]↓** knock comes on the door **↑ ↓ ↓ ↓**

**[G]** Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came **[A7]** down upon her head

**[D7]** Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer

Made **[Am]** sure that **[D7]** she was **[G]↓** dead **[D7]↓** **[G]↓**

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[G]↓** Sil-**[B7]↓**ver **[Em]↓** ham-**[G7]↓**mer

**/ [C]↓ [C]↓ / [G]↓ [D7]↓ [G]↓ /**

**[G]** Back in school again **[E7]** Maxwell plays the fool again **[Am]** teacher gets annoyed

**[D7]** Wishing to avoid an unpleasant **[G]** sce-e-e-**[D7]**ene

**[G]** She tells Max to stay **[E7]** when the class has gone away **[Am]** so he waits behind

**[D7]** Writing fifty times I must not be **[G]** so-o-o-**[D7]**o

But **[A7]↓** when she turns her back on the boy **↑ ↓ ↑**

He **[D7]↓** creeps up from behind **↑ ↓ ↓ ↓**

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Made **[Am]** sure that she was **[D7]** dead

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**[G]** P.C. Thirty-one **[E7]** said we caught a dirty one **[Am]** Maxwell stands alone

**[D7]** Painting testimonial pictures **[G]** oh oh-oh **[D7]** oh

**[G]** Rose and Valerie **[E7]** screaming from the gallery **[Am]** say he must go free

The **[D7]** judge does not agree and he tells them **[G]** so-o-o-**[D7]**o

But **[A7]↓** as the words are leaving his lips **↑ ↓ ↑**

A **[D7]↓** noise comes from behind **↑ ↓ ↓ ↓**

**[G]** Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer came **[A7]** down upon his head

**[D7]** Bang bang Maxwell's silver hammer

Made **[Am]** sure that he was **[D7]** dead, whoa, whoa, whoa

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