

Ernie

Key of C

Benny Hill

Verse 1:

^C
You could hear the hoof beats pound as they raced across the ground,

^{Am}
And the clatter of the wheels as they went 'round and 'round.

^F
And he galloped into Market Street, his badge upon his chest,

^G ^C
His name was Ernie, and he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.

Verse 2:

^C
Now Ernie loved a widow, a lady known as Sue,

^{Am}
She lived all alone in Lily Lane at number 22.

^F
They said she was too good for him, she was haughty, proud and chic,

^G ^C
But Ernie got his cocoa there three times every week.

Chorus 1:

^C ^{Am}
They called him Ernie, (Ernie),

^F ^G ^C
And he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.

Verse 3:

^C
She said she'd like to bathe in milk, he said, "All right, sweetheart,"

^{Am}
And when he'd finished work one night he loaded up the cart.

^F
He said, "D'you want it pasteurised? 'Cause pasteurised is best,"

^G ^C
She says, "Ernie, I'll be happy if it comes up to my chest."

Chorus 2:

^C ^{Am}
That tickled old Ernie, (Ernie),

F G C

And he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.

Key Change 1:

C#

Aaahhh oooohhh

Verse 4:

C#

Now Ernie had a rival, an evil-looking man,

A#m

Called Two-Ton Ted from Teddington and he drove the baker's van.

F#

He tempted her with his treacle tarts and his tasty wholemeal bread,

G#

C#

And when she seen the size of his hot meat pies it very near turned her head.

Verse 5:

C#

He made her swoon with his macaroons, and he said, "If you treat me right,

A#m

You'll have hot rolls every morning and crumpets every night."

F#

He knew once she'd sample his layer cake he'd have his wicked way,

G#

C#

And all Ernie had to offer was a pint of milk a day.

Chorus 3:

C# A#m

Poor Ernie, (Ernie),

F#

G#

C#

And he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.

Key Change 2:

D

Aaaahhh oooooh

Verse 6:

D

One lunch time Ted saw Ernie's horse and cart outside her door,

Bm

It drove him mad to find it was still there at half past four.

And as he leapt down from his van hot blood through his veins did course,
And he went across to Ernie's cart and didn't half kick his 'orse.

Chorus 4:

Whose name was Trigger, (Trigger),
And he pulled the fastest milk cart in the west.

Verse 7:

Now Ernie rushed out into the street with his gold top in his hand,
He said, "If you wanna marry Susie you'll fight for her like a man."
"Oh why don't we play cards for her?" he sneeringly replied,
"And just to make it interesting we'll have a shilling on the side."

Verse 8:

Now Ernie dragged him from his van and beneath the blazing sun,
They stood there face to face, and Ted went for his bun.
But Ernie was too quick, things didn't go the way Ted planned,
And a strawberry-flavoured yogurt sent it spinning from his hand.

Verse 9:

Now Sue, she ran between them and tried to keep them apart,
And Ernie pushed her aside and a rock cake caught him underneath his heart.
As he looked up in pain surprise and the concrete hardened crust
Of a stale pork pie caught him in the eye and Ernie bit the dust.

Chorus 5:

D **Bm**
Poor Ernie, (Ernie),
G **A** **D**
And he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.

Verse 10:

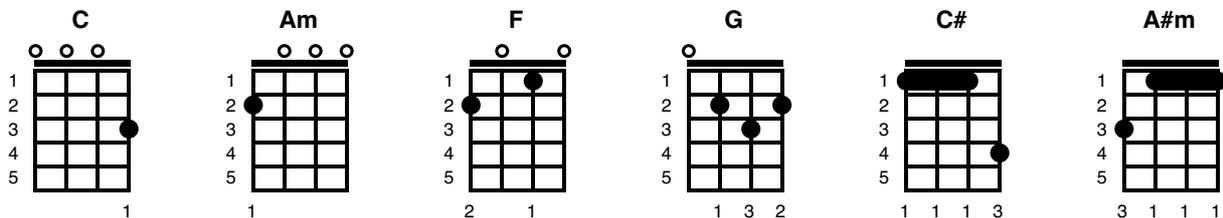
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Ernie was only 52, he didn't wanna die,
Bm
Now he's gone to make deliveries in that milk round in the sky.
G
Where the customers are angels and ferocious dogs are banned,
A **D**
And a milkman's life is full of fun in that fairy, dairy land.

Verse 11:

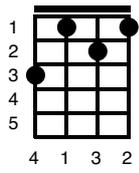
D
But a woman's needs are many fold and Sue, she married Ted,
Bm
But strange things happened on their wedding night as they lay in their bed.
G
Was that the leaves a rustling? Or the hinges of the gate?
A **D**
Or Ernie's ghostly gold tops a-rattling in their crate?

Chorus 6:

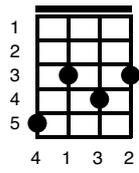
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They won't forget Ernie, (Ernie),
G **A** **D**
And he drove the fastest milk cart in the west.



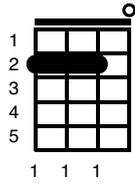
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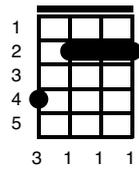
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D



Bm



A

