

The Laughing Gnome

Key of G

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Intro:

G D7 G D7
G D7 A A

Verse 1:

A F A
I was walking - down the high street - when I heard footsteps behind me,
F A D A D A
and there was a little old man in scarlet and grey, chuckling away
Hello laugh

F A
Well he trotted - back to my house - and he sat beside the telly
cor

F A D A D A
with his tiny hands on his tummy, chuckling away, laughing all day
(laughs)

spoken "I ought to report you to the gnome office."

Gnome office, ha,ha,ha!

Chorus 1:

(both)

G7 D7 G7 D7
Ha,ha, ha!- Hee,hee, hee!- I'm a laughing gnome and you can't catch me.-

G7 D7 G7 F D7
Ha,ha, ha!- Hee,hee, hee!- I'm a laughing gnome and you can't catch me.-

A
Said the laughing gnome.

Verse 2:

F A
Well I gave him - roasted toad-stools - and a glass of dandelion wine.
(burp) pardon

F A D A D A
Then I put him on a train to Eastbourne and carried his bag and gave him a fag.

A
Ave you got a light boy?

Ere! Where do you come from?

Gnome-man's land.

Oh, really.?

Verse 3:

A In the morning- when I woke up- he was sitting on the edge of my bed-
F with his brother whose name was Fred. He'd brought him along- to sing me a
A song.-

A Alright let's hear it?, Ere! what's that clicking noise?

D
That's Fred. He's a metrognome."

Chorus 2:

(both)

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G7 **D7** **G7** **F** **D7**
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Verse 4:

Hold up, im a gnome aint i?

A
Ain't you got a gnome to go to?"

No! We're gnomads.

Didn't they teach you to get your 'aircut at school? You look like a rolling gnome.

Not at the London school of Ecognomics."

A Now they staying - up the chimney - and we're living on caviar and honey-
F **A** **D** **A** **D** **A**
hooray!

'cause they're earning me lots of money, writing comedy prose for radio shows.

It's the er- it's the gnome service, of course.

Chorus 2:

(both)

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G7 **D7** **G7** **F** **D7**
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Repeat:

one more time

Chorus 2:

(both)

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G7 **D7** **G7** **F** **D7**
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End:

(acapella)

Said the laughing gnome