

Does Your Chewing Gum Lose Its Flavour?

Lonnie Donegan, 1959 (as recorded at the New Theatre, Oxford)

INTRO: 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G]

Oh [G] me oh [D] my oh [G] you, what-[G]ever [D] shall I [G] do
[C] Halle-[G]lujah, the [G] question [D] is pe-[G]culiar
I'd [G] give a [D] lot of [G] dough, if [G] only [D] I could [G] know
The [A] answer to my [A7] question, is it yes or is it [D]↓ no?

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If your [D] mother says don't [D7] chew it, do you [G] swallow it in [G7] spite?
Can you [C] catch it on your [D] tonsils, can you [Em] heave it left and [C] right?
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Here [G] comes a [D] blushing [G] bride, the [G] groom is [D] by her [G] side
[C] Up to the [G] altar, just as [G] steady [D] as Gi-[G]braltar
Ah the [G] groom has [D] got the [G] ring, and it's [G] such a [D] pretty [G] thing
But [A] as he slips it [A7] on her finger, the choir begins to [D]↓ sing

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Now the [G] nation [D] rise as [G] one, to [G] send their [D] honoured [G] son
[C] Up to the [G] White House, yes, the [G] nation's [D] only [G] White House
To [G] voice their [D] discon-[G]tent, un-[G]to the [D] Presi-[G]dent
They [A] pawn the burning [A7] question what has swept this conti-[D]↓nent

<Spoken>

If tin whistles are made of tin, what do they make fog horns out of? Boom boom

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On the [A] bed-[A]post [D] o-[D]ver-[G]↓night!

<Spoken> Hello there, I love you and I wanna hold you tight!

A Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sat'day night

On the [A] bed-[A]post [D] o-[D]ver-[G]↓night!

<Spoken> A dollar is a dollar and a dime is a dime

He'd sing another chorus but he hasn't got the time

On the [A] bed-[A]post [D] o-[D]ver-[G]night! [G]/[G]/[G]↓ [D]↓ [G]↓ Yeah!

