Maxwell’s Silver Hammer
by Paul McCartney (1969)

D    B7    Em    Em7    A7    E7    F#    Bm    D7    G

(sing f#)
Joan was quizzi-cal, studied meta-physi-cal sci-ence in the home—
Late nights all a-lone with a test tube, oh— oh oh oh—
Max-well Edi-son, major-ing in medi-cine, calls her on the phone—
“Can I take you out to the pic-tures, Jo— o—o—oan—?”
|   E7\   .   .   |   .   .   |   A7\   .   .   .   .   .   |
But as she’s get-ting ready to go, a knock comes on the door—
D   .   .   .   |   .   .   .   |   .   .   .   .   |   E7   .   .   .   .   .   
Chorus: Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil-ver hammer came down— on her head—
A7   .   .   .   |   .   .   .   |   Em7   .   A7   .   D\ A7\ D\ -- | 
Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil-ver hammer made sure—that she was dead
D\ .   F#\   |   Bm\   .   D7\   .   G   .   .   |   D   .   .   |
Back in school a-gain, Maxwell plays the fool a-gain, Teach-er gets an-noyed—
Wish-ing to a-void an un-pleas-ant sce-e-e ene—
She tells Max to stay when the class has gone a-way, so he waits be-hind—
Writ-ing fif-ty times “I must not be so—o—o—o—”
|   E7\   .   .   |   .   .   |   A7\   .   .   .   .   .   |
But when she turns her back on the boy—he creeps up from be-hind—
D   .   .   .   |   .   .   .   |   .   .   .   |   E7   .   .   .   .   .   |
Chorus: Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil-ver hammer came down— on her head—
(do-do-do do do)
Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil-ver hammer made sure that she was dead—
Instr: D . . . | . . . | E7 . . . | . . . |

A7 . . . | . . . | Em7 . A7 . | D\ A7\ D\ -- |


D . . . | B7 . . . . . . | Em . . . | Em7 . . . |
P C thirty-one said “We’ve caught a dirty one” Max-well stands a—lon—


Paint-ing test-i—moni-al pic-tures, oh— oh— oh—

D . . . | B7 . . . . . . | Em . . . | Em7 . . . |
Rose and Vale-rie, screaming from the galler-y, say he must go free— (Max-well must go)

The judge does not a—gree and he tells them so—o—o—o—free—)

| E7\ . . . . | . . . . | A7\ . . . . | . . . . |
But as the words are leaving his lips, a noise comes from be—hind—

D . . . . | . . . . | E7 . . . | . . . . |

Chorus: Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil—ver hammer came down— on her head— (do-do-do do do)

A7 . . . | . . . . . . . | Em7 . . . | A7 . . . |
Bang, Bang Max-well’s sil—ver hammer made sure that he was dead, oh wo wo

Outro: D . . . | . . . | E7 . . . | . . . . |
Oh——

A7 . . . | . . . . | Em7 . A7 . | D\ A7\ D\ -- |

D\ . F#\ . | Bm\ . D7\ . | G . . . | D\ A7\ D\ |
Sil—ver— ham—mer—!

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