

# The Cat Won't Work Tonight

John Martyn

Running jumping standing still a ghoul up there  
Some goon up on Glastonbury Tor  
Been itching.

The cat can't work tonight  
The cat just will not work tonight  
I know that the cat won't work tonight  
I tell you this cat won't work tonight.

You can watch the sun fall in to my sweetest embrace  
You can even try to show me some baptist better place  
You can watch me as I try to fly  
Watch the stars as your heart tries not to cry.

The cat won't work, the cat won't work tonight  
I'm telling you, the cat don't work, the cat don't work tonight  
The cat won't work, the cat won't work tonight.

Been itching, been scratching, been stopping, been starting  
Got a face like a hatchet, mother like a spanner with a half shut knife  
Out on the tiles with me all the time  
Walking, fooling, child's and wives.

The cat won't work, won't work tonight  
I tell you the cat won't work, won't work tonight, oh no  
The cat won't work, the cat won't work tonight

Running, jumping, standing still  
Like a goon up there on Goon Hilly Down  
Watch the dilly dilly run, huh, let them talents fall down.

The cat won't work, the cat won't work tonight, I'm telling you  
The cat can't work, the cat can't work tonight  
Looking like a cat's paw, feeling like a rabbits foot  
Maybe get lucky but it must be good  
The cat can't work, the cat don't work tonight.

Too busy itching and scratching, looking the patch right over  
Too busy scratching and itching, looking out for bitching  
I tell you now the cat don't work  
The cat don't work tonight  
The cat don't work, the cat don't work tonight  
The cat don't work, the cat don't work tonight.

Some other time, send me a line  
Too busy itching, scratching, bitching,  
hatching plots and schemes and plans  
Just can't work!  
The cat don't work, the can don't work tonight