

Manikin Man ©2001 by Ralph Shaw

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C E7 F Dm7
Plastic men with names like Ken are all the rage today
C Dm7 G
You took him in and threw me out upon that rainy day
C E7 F Dm7 G
But modern toys can-not replace a vintage doll like me
C Dm7 Cdim D7 G7 C7
Take me in your arms again and very soon you'll see ...that;

F C7
I'll be your Manikin please say yes and let me in
F Gm7 C7
I will not be manic in your parlour (Pah la la la la)
F C7
I'll be your manikin buttoning my cardigan
F F7
I can hang my hammock in your playroom
F7 Bb F
Some men are brutish some men are cutish
C7 F F7
But a manikin man has everything you need
F7 Bb F
Some men are lazy some men are crazy
G7 Gm7 C7 Caug
But I will chance a romance with a lady
F C7
I'll be your manikin hold me to your tender skin
G7 C7 F
And let me be your manikin man again.

F C7
 I'll be your manikin [I can wear my Bobbi pin]
 F Gm7 C7
 Lacy clothes are in again they're saying [Boo boop a doop...]
 F C7
 I'll be your manikin I can be American
 F F7
 [And I won't have to marry Ken to-day]
 F7 Bb F
 Some men are vigorous [some men are rigorous]
 C7 F F7
 But a manikin man has everything you need
 Bb F
 [Some men are shady] some men say maybe
 G7 Gm7 C7 Caug
 Both sing: [But a manikin man can handle any lady]
 F C7
 I'll be your manikin let's not let the sandman in
 G7 C7 F
 I beg you to begin again with a manikin.

Manikin Man cont'd

Female part (to be sung separately and then over the top of the male part):

I want a dolly who is very very jolly with a handsome face who can grace my place
 He can be strong but it doesn't really matter if he's short or long (or thinner or fatter)
 I got a new beau and I loved him so I threw the manikin away on a rainy day
 The new one is a bore, I don't want him anymore, I want my manikin man again.
 If he would come back to me I'd let him in my parlour
 And he could have whatever he wants from me.
 I'd give him tea and cherry pie if he were in my parlour
 And he would always want to stay with me.
 Manikin men are not ten-a-penny like many other dollies like Ken
 Come back to me and you can be my manikin man again.