# Big Joe Mufferaw

Stompin' Tom Connors 1973

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**CHORUS 1:**

**[C7]↓** Heave-hi **[Bb]↓** heave-hi-**[F]↓**ho

The **[F]** best man in Ottawa was **[C7]** Mufferaw Joe

**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

**CHORUS 2:**

**[F]** Big Joe Mufferaw **[Bb]** paddled into Mattawa

**[F]** All the way from Ottawa in **[F]** just one **[C7]** day, hey-**[C7]**hey

**[F]** On the river Ottawa the **[Bb]** best man we ever saw

Was **[F]** Big Joe Mufferaw the **[C7]** old folks say **[C7]**

Come and **[F]** listen and I'll tell you what the **[C7]** old folks **[F]** say **[F]**

And they **[F]** say Big Joe had an **[Bb]** old pet frog

**[F]** Bigger than a horse and he **[C7]** barked like a dog

And the **[F]** only thing quicker than a **[Bb]** train upon a track

Was **[F]** Big Joe riding on the **[C7]** bull-frog's **[F]** back

**CHORUS 1:**

**[C7]** Heave-hi **[Bb]** heave-hi-**[F]**ho

The **[F]** best man in Ottawa was **[C7]** Mufferaw Joe

**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

And they **[F]** say Big Joe used to **[Bb]** get real wet

From **[F]** cutting down timber and **[C7]** working up a sweat

And **[F]** everyone’ll tell you around **[Bb]** Carleton Place

The **[F]** Mississippi dripped off of **[C7]** Big Joe's **[F]** face

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**[C7]** Heave-hi **[Bb]** heave-hi-**[F]**ho

The **[F]** best man in Ottawa was **[C7]** Mufferaw Joe

**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

Now **[F]** Joe had to portage from the **[Bb]** Gatineau down

To **[F]** see a little girl he had in **[C7]** Kemptville town

He was **[F]** back and forth so many times to **[Bb]** see that gal

The **[F]** path he wore became the **[C7]** Rideau **[F]** Canal

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Come and **[F]** listen and I'll tell you what the **[C7]** old folks **[F]** say **[F]**

And they **[F]** say Big Joe put out a **[Bb]** forest fire

Half-**[F]**way between Renfrew and **[C7]** old Arnprior

He was **[F]** fifty miles away down a-**[Bb]**round Smith Falls

But he **[F]** drowneded out the fire with **[C7]** five spit-**[F]**balls

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**[C7]** Heave-hi **[Bb]** heave-hi-**[F]**ho

The **[F]** best man in Ottawa was **[C7]** Mufferaw Joe

**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

Well he **[F]** jumped into the Calabogie **[Bb]** Lake real fast

And he **[F]** swam both ways to catch a **[C7]** cross-eyed-bass

But he **[F]** threw it on the ground and said “I **[Bb]** can't eat that”

So he **[F]** covered it over with **[C7]** Mount Saint **[F]** Pat

**CHORUS 1:**

**[C7]** Heave-hi **[Bb]** heave-hi-**[F]**ho

The **[F]** best man in Ottawa was **[C7]** Mufferaw Joe

**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

And they **[F]** say Big Joe drank a **[Bb]** bucket of gin

And he **[F]** beat the livin’ tar out of **[C7]** twenty-nine men

And **[F]** high on the ceilin’ of the **[Bb]** Pembroke Pub

There’s **[F]** twenty-nine boot marks and they’re **[C7]** signed with **[F]** love

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**[C7]** Mufferaw **[F]** Joe **[F]**

**[F]** Big Joe Mufferaw, Big Joe Mufferaw, Big Joe Mufferaw **[F]↓**

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