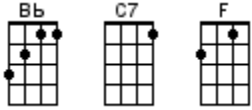


Big Joe Mufferaw

Stompin' Tom Connors 1973



INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /

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

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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]

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

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]

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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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

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]

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

