

Hold 'Em Joe

Harry Belafonte

(spoken spanish at beginning)

Hold 'em Joe, hold'em Joe, hold'em Joe

But don't let him go

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But don't let him go Me donkey want water, hold'em Joe,

Spring 'round the corner, hold'em Joe

Me donkey want water, hold'em Joe

Everybody want water, hold'em Joe

Fuma la catchimba, hold'em Joe We on a journey he don't walk straight

And that is because he's so underweight

Donkey of mine he don't like weight

Put him on a cart he never walk straight Me donkey want water, hold'em Joe,

Spring 'round the corner, hold'em Joe

Me donkey want water, hold'em Joe

Everybody want water, hold'em Joe

Fuma la catchimba, hold'em Joe My ole donkey went courtin' one day

With a donkey named Melda across the way

She was twice his age, he put up a fight

Now he's cryin' every night

Oh lemme go, darling Melda,

You breaking my back bone

Lemme go, darling Melda,

You breaking my back Some people say that my donkey is bad

an' that is because he's from Trinidad

Donkey of mine he won't work at all

All he want to do is break out him stall

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