James K. Polk

They Might Be Giants

In 1844, the Democrats were split

The three nominees for the presidential candidate

Were Martin Van Buren, a former President and an abolitionist

James Buchanan, a moderate Louis Cass, a general and expansionistFrom Nashville came a dark horse riding up He was James K. Polk, Napoleon of the StumpAustere, severe, he held few people dear

His oratory filled his foes with fear

The factions soon agreed he's just the man we need

To bring about victory fulfill our manifest destiny

And annex the land the Mexicans command

And when the vote was cast the winner was Mister James K. Polk, Napoleon of the StumpIn four short years he met his every goal

He seized the whole southwest from Mexico

Made sure the tariffs fell

And made the English sell the Oregon territory

He built an independent treasury

Having done all this he sought no second termBut precious few have mourned the passing of

Mister James K. Polk, our eleventh President

Young Hickory, Napoleon of the Stump

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