

Big Joe Mufferaw

Stompin' Tom Connors

Heave Hi, Heave Hi-Ho, the best man in Ottawa was Mufferaw Joe,

Mufferaw Joe

Big Joe Mufferaw paddled into Mattawa

All the way from Ottawa in just one day

Hey-Hey

On the river Ottawa the best man we ever saw

Was Big Joe Mufferaw the old folks say

Come and listen and I'll tell you what the old folks say

And they say Big Joe had an old pet frog

Bigger than a horse and he barked like a dog

And the only thing quicker than a train upon a track

Was Big Joe riding on the bull-frog's back

Heave Hi, Heave Hi-Ho,, the best man in Ottawa was Mufferaw Joe,

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And they say Big Joe used to get real wet

From cutting down timber and working up a sweat

And everyone will tell you around Carlton Place

The Mississipi dripped onto Big Joe's face

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Now Joe had the portage from the Gatineau down

To see a little girl he had in Kemptville town

He was back and forth so many times to see that gal

The path he wore became the Rideau Canal

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And they say Big Joe put out a forest fire,

Halfway between Renfrew and old Arnprior

He was fifty miles away down around Smiths Falls

But he drowned out the fire with five spit balls

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Well he jumped into the Calabogie Lake real fast

And he swam both ways to catch a cross-eyed-bass
But he threw it on the ground and said "I can't eat that"
So he covered it over with Mount Saint Patt
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And they say Big Joe drank a bucket of gin
And he beat the living tar of the twenty nine men
And high on the ceiling of the Pembroke Pub
There is twenty-nine boot marks and they are signed with love
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