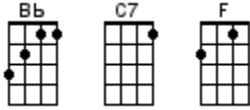


# Big Joe Mufferaw

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

## 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

## 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

## 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 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

## 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]

## CHORUS 1:

They say [C7] Heave-hi [Bb] heave-hi-[F]ho  
The [F] best man in Ottawa was [C7] Mufferaw Joe  
[C7] Mufferaw [F] Joe [F]  
[F] Big Joe Mufferaw, Big Joe Mufferaw, Big Joe Mufferaw [F]↓

