

# Old Joe Clark

USA

earliest date: 1842 (Ballad Index)

adaption, arrangement and typesetting by Klaus Stezenbach ©2006 www.kstez.de

1. Old Joe Clark, the preach-er's son, preached all o'er the plain, the  
on - ly text he ev - er knew was "High low jack and the game.  
'Round and a-round, Old Joe Clark, 'round and a-round I say. He'd  
fol - low me ten thou - sand miles to hear my fid - dle play.

2. He used to live on the mountain top, but now he lives in town,  
boarding at the big hotel, courtin' Betsy Brown.  
*'Round and around, Old Joe Clark...*

3. Old Joe Clark he had a mule, his name was Morgan Brown,  
and every tooth in that mule's head was sixteen inches around.  
*'Round and around, Old Joe Clark...*

4. Old Joe had a yellow cat, she would not sing or pray,  
she stuck her head in the buttermilk jar and washed her sins away.  
*'Round and around, Old Joe Clark...*

5. Old Joe Clark he had a house, fifteen stories high,  
and every storey in that house was filled with chicken pie.  
*'Round and around, Old Joe Clark...*