

# Old Joe Clark

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***Chorus (repeated inbetween the verses):***

*Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark  
Fare thee well, I say  
Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark  
I'm goin' away.*

1. Old Joe Clarke the preacher's son  
Preached all over the plain,  
The only text he ever used  
Was high low jack and the game.
2. Old Joe Clark, he had a mule  
Her name was Morgan Brown,  
Every tooth in that mule's head  
Was sixteen inches 'round!
3. Old Joe Clark had a yellow cat  
She would neither sing nor play,  
Stuck her head in the buttermilk jar  
And washed her cares away.
4. Old Joe Clarke he had a dog  
As blind as he could be  
Chased a redbug 'round a stump  
And a coon up a hollow tree
5. Old Joe Clark, he had a house  
Fifteen stories high,  
Every story in that house  
Was filled with chicken pie!
6. I went down to Old Joe's house  
He invited me to supper,  
Stubbed my toe on the table leg  
And stuck my nose in the butter!
7. I went down to old Joe's house  
Old Joe wasn't at home  
I ate up all of old Joe's meat  
And left old Joe the bone

8. I wish I had a sweetheart  
I'd put her on a shelf,  
And every time she'd smile at me,  
I'd get up there myself.
9. Don't ever marry Old Joe Clark,  
I'll tell you the reason why:  
He blows his nose in old corn bread,  
And calls it pumpkin pie!
10. I used to live on mountaintop  
But now I live in town  
I'm boarding at the big hotel  
Courting Betsy Brown

***Alternate Choruses***

**Version 1:**

*Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark  
Fare thee well I'm gone  
Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark  
Goodbye Betsy Brown.*

**Version 2:**

*Round and round, old Joe Clarke  
Round and round, I say  
Round and round, old Joe Clarke  
I ain't got long to stay.*

**Version 3:**

*Fare thee well, old Joe Clarke  
Fare thee well, I say  
He'd follow me ten thousand miles  
To hear my fiddle play*

**Version 4:**

*Fare-the-well Old Joe Clark,  
goodbye Mitsy Brow-owww-owwwn  
Fare-the-well Old Joe Clark,  
I'm gonna leave this town.*