

Harry Belafonte "Hold 'Em Joe"

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Hold em, Joe
Hold em, Joe, hold em, Joe
But don't let him go
Hold em, Joe, I say
Hold em, Joe, hold em, Joe
But don't let him go

Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Spring round the corner (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Everybody want water (hold em, Joe)
Fuma la catchimba (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Everybody want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)

We on a journey
He don't walk straight
And that is because
He's so underweight

Donkey of mine
He don't like no weight
Put him on a cart
He never walk straight

Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Everybody want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
The people want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Fuma la catchimba (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey need water (hold em, Joe)

My ole donkey
Went courting one day
With a donkey named
Melda across the way

She was twice his age
He put up a fight

Now he's crying every night

Oh, lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my back bone
Lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my, everybody

Oh, lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my back bone
Once again now
Lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my back bone

A little louder
Lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my back bone
A little softer
Lemme go, darling Melda
You breaking my back bone

Some people say
That my donkey is bad
And that is because
He's from Trinidad

Donkey of mine
He won't work at all
All he want to do
Is break out him stall

Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Sing out the chorus (hold em, Joe)
And sing a little louder (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
And Hugo want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Me donkey want water (hold em, Joe)
Fuma la catchimba (hold em, Joe)
Donkey want water (hold em, Joe)

Sing a little softer (hold em, Joe)
Still a little softer (hold em, Joe)
Now sing a little louder (hold em, Joe)
Donkey want want (hold em, Joe)

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