

# Johnny Horton

## "Joe's Been A-Gittin' There"

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There was a Yankee Colonel  
In 1862 who fell in love  
With a Southern belle  
Where the sweet Magnolias bloom

He wondered why folks laughed at him  
When he went riding by  
But little did he know that she was  
A-courting on the side

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-blind  
Joe's been a gettin' there  
All this time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-fly  
Joe's been a-gettin' there  
In his time

He walked her up the mountain  
He named it to her there  
He offered her a band of gold  
And his name to share

She said that she would marry him  
And even set the day  
But little did he know that  
She loved a soldier boy in gray

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a gettin' there  
All this time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a-gettin' there  
In his time

She took the love he offered  
She took his silver too

She took every little thing from  
Colonel dressed in blue

She wouldn't let him hold her  
In a fond embrace and  
When he tried to kiss his bride  
She laughed right in his face

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a gettin' there  
All this time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a-gettin' there  
In his time

He woke up one morning  
And found himself alone  
And all she left was a letter  
That said, "Good-bye, farewell, I'm gone"

No doubt, he was a mighty man  
Where the heroes fell  
But all is fair in love and war  
And he lost his Southern belle, yeah

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a gettin there  
All this time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin  
Joe's been a-gettin' there  
In his time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'  
Joe's been a gettin there  
All this time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin  
Joe's been a-gettin' there  
In his time

Joe's been a-gettin' there  
Joe's been a-flyin'

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