

Johnny Horton "Snow Shoe Thompson"

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In 1855 in old California a man was a looking in the
paper one day
Uncle Sam needs a postman to carry the mail
Through the High Sierra Mountains over God forsaken
trails
Snow Shoe Thompson told 'em he knew he was their
man
I'll get through them mountains if anybody can
He took a pair of snowshoes he took a pair of skis
And led out through that mountains where the normal
man would freeze
He was cautious as a mountain cat fleet as a deer
Tough as a grizzly bear he knew no fear
He lived a life of danger bringin' mountain people the
news
Cause Snow Shoe Thompson packed the mail on
through
[banjo]
In the High Sierra Mountains it was 32 below
Blue blizzard fairly whistled bringin' 40 feet of snow

No one dared to venture on a slippery mountain trails
But Snow Shoe kept a comin' he was packin' US mail
His face was weather beaten from his many rugged
miles
But he knew it was worth it when he'd see the people
smile
His deeds are not forgotten they stay in the Hall of
Fame
They stay in old Squaw Valley to Snow Shoe
Thompson's name
He was caution as a mountain cat...

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