

## Stompin' Tom Connors

### "Don Messer Story"

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He was born in ol' New Brunswick

In the early part of May 1909

Six years old he played the fiddle

At the barn dance on the old York County line

Every year Don got better

He dreamed about that fortune down the track

Then he came down To Saint John city

Where he formed the Old New Brunswick Lumberjacks

Don Messer played rings around the mountain

He played reels all across the plains

He played all that kind of music

That has made the country proud to say his name

Soon his band would have a singer

Charlie Chamberlain would join the Messer fleet

And travel to Prince Edward Island

To play on radio for twelve bucks everyweek

On the air right after supper

Commencing in the year of '39

The man would say

It's Old Don Messer & the Islanders form down the  
Maritimes

Don Messer played rings around the mountain  
He played reels all across the plains  
He played all that kind of music  
That has made the country proud to say his name  
Coast to coast with Don & Charlie  
Duke Neilson, Ray Simmonds played it up  
Born to Gray with Sea Speackrin  
Now the Islanders went touring to the top  
How Charlie sang with Margret Osbourn  
And Waldo made the old piano twang  
For the Queen they played in concert  
And it was magic how Don Messer's fiddle rang  
Don Messer played rings around the mountain  
He played reels all across the plains  
He played all that kind of music  
That has made the country proud to say his name  
Seventeen years on television  
From 1956 to '73  
Don Messer made his mark forever  
The fiddling king of country music history  
Through out the world it's undisputed  
Don Messer & The Islanders were tops  
And away down east beside the ocean  
The kind of music they began will never stop  
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