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Hartford John "OLD JOE CLARK"

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Old Joe Clark was a preacher-man

He preached all over the plain

The highest text he ever took

Was a-High, Low, Jack, and a-Game.

Well, he came down to my house

And showed me all of his cards

He whispered low in his gambler's voice

It's reallly not too hard

I ain't never had no trouble

Just walk around wearing a sheet

Buncha people waving them palm leaves

Just to keep Joe Clark from the heat

Well, Old Joe Clark's got 2 little girls

To wash his feet and sing

"Old Joe Clark", I heard one say

"We'll give you anything"

Let's go down to the church-house

There's a lotta good things goin' down

The crown turns over at 9 o'clock

With the cream of the underground

CHORUS: Well get on down to Canaan brother

There's a lotta good things goin' down With a little bit of luck and a couple of bucks You could be down there when the Glory rolls Wake up brother, there's a new day coming And it hasn't got time to stop If'n you got the bread, you could change your head You could be down there when the Glory rolls Well I asked old Joe to manage me So that I could go and sing He said hurry up, I could wait on him And he'd help me to do my thing Now he calls me every hour When I'm trying to be alone Just wants to keep me posted That there's nothin' goin' on **REPEAT CHORUS** Well I need an old Orpheum 5-string with a 12 inch open back pot So the next time you go to the attic Look and see what you got Or a 12 inch Farland open-back 28 three-eighths inch scale I wish you'd write and let me know If'n you got one for sale

REPEAT CHORUS

++R.I.P. John Hartford++

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