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# WHEN UNCLE JOE PLAYS A RAG ON HIS OLD BANJO

(1912)

**Verse**

Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

1 Down in dix - ie lives old un - cle Joe. 2 Down in dix - ie, 3

4 that's the place to go, 5 where you sure will 6 hear some mu - sic grand.

7 Sweet - est mel - o - dies in all the land; 8 9 ev - 'ry night be -

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*When Uncle Joe Plays A Rag On His Old Banjo*

neath the south-ern moon, un - cle Joe would play a rag - gy tune.

Things be - gin to hum when you hear him strum a rag up - on his old ban -

**Chorus 1**

jo. When un - cle Joe plays a rag on his old ban - jo, —

ev - 'ry - bod - y starts to rock - in' to and fro. — Now they're danc - ing all a - round the

22 23 24

kitch - en floor, — say - ing, “Un - cle Joe, give me more, give me more.”

Musical notation for measures 22-24, including treble and bass staves.

25 26 27

Folks come a - run - nin’ when they hear that sound, — danc - in’ and a pran - cin’ till they

Musical notation for measures 25-27, including treble and bass staves.

28 29 30

shake the ground, when un - cle Joe \_\_\_\_\_ plays a rag \_\_\_\_\_ on his

plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank

Musical notation for measures 28-30, including treble and bass staves with triplets.

31 32 33

old ban - jo. When un - cle Joe plays a rag on his

plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty

**Chorus 2**

Musical notation for measures 31-33, including treble and bass staves with triplets.

When Uncle Joe Plays A Rag On His Old Banjo

plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty

old ban - jo, \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry - bod - y starts to rock - in'

plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty

plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty

to and \_\_\_\_\_ fro'. \_\_\_\_\_ Now they're danc - ing all a - round the

plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty plank plank - e - ty

plank plank - e - ty plank

kitch - en \_\_\_\_\_ floor, \_\_\_\_\_ say - ing, "Un - cle Joe, give me more, give me more."

plank plank - e - ty plank

41 42 43

Folks come a - run - nin' when they hear that sound, \_\_\_\_\_ danc - in' and a pran - cin' till they

plank-e-ty plank plank-e-ty plank

44 45 46

shake the ground, when un - cle Joe \_\_\_\_\_ plays a rag \_\_\_\_\_ on his

plank-e-ty plank plank-e-ty plank

3 3

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Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 44 to 46. It features a treble and bass staff in 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 45 and another triplet in measure 46. The lyrics are: 'shake the ground, when un - cle Joe \_\_\_\_\_ plays a rag \_\_\_\_\_ on his'. The bass staff provides accompaniment with triplets of eighth notes in measures 45 and 46.

**Tag**

Please play, that \_\_\_\_\_

47 48 49 50

old ban - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ Please play for me that rag - gy har - mo - ny.

Please play, that

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 47 to 50. It features a treble and bass staff in 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note in measure 48 and a quarter note in measure 49. The lyrics are: 'old ban - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ Please play for me that rag - gy har - mo - ny.'. The bass staff provides accompaniment with a half note in measure 48 and a quarter note in measure 49.

51 52 53 54

Joe, just play it on your old ban - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ Plank-e-ty plank.

3 3

3 3

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 51 to 54. It features a treble and bass staff in 8/8 time. The melody in the treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 53 and another triplet in measure 54. The lyrics are: 'Joe, just play it on your old ban - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ Plank-e-ty plank.'. The bass staff provides accompaniment with triplets of eighth notes in measures 53 and 54.