

The story of Johnny Appleseed

Narrator(s)

This is the story of Johnny Appleseed.

Two hundred years ago or more
when America was unsettled and wild;
there was a man called John Chapman living then
who became known by every child.

They called him Johnny Appleseed
because all he wanted to do
was plant apple seeds across the land.
'These trees,' he would say, 'are for you.'

His clothes were rough and didn't fit,
he walked barefoot for many a mile.
He wasn't tall but he was strong and brave
and he made all who met him smile.

He walked all alone but he felt no fear,
he carried no weapon or gun.
He cleared the land with his own bare hands,
then planted seeds in rows one by one.



Johnny Appleseed

Val Hawthorne

(♩ = 74)

Capo 3 D

F Am B^b Gm F/C C⁷
 F#m G Em D/A A⁷

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F B^b F Gm C
 D G D Em A

mp

1. John - ny walked through snow and rain, through the wind and hail.
2. John - ny tra - velled near and far, walk - ing through the day.
3. Where the seeds fell on the ground, shoots be - gan to show.
4. Pi - o - neers would smile and pick ap - ples red and sweet.

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F Am B^b F
 D F#m G D

John - ny crossed the dus - ty plain and the for - est trail.
 John - ny scat - tered ap - ple seeds all a - long the way.
 Then in time as years went by, ap - ple trees would grow.
 'Thank you, John - ny,' they all said, 'for ap - ples good to eat.'

13 *Chorus*

Am B \flat Gm C7
 F \sharp m G Em A7

John - ny Ap - ple - seed, thank you for the fruit and trees.

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F Am B \flat F
 D F \sharp m G D

John - ny Ap - ple - seed, thank you for the trees.

Fine

21 *Tuned Percussion*

Am B \flat Gm C7
 F \sharp m G Em A7

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F Am B \flat F
 D F \sharp m G D

D.S.

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America was a vast and lonely land
with great prairies and huge open plains.
Tall mountains, dark forests and wild weather too,
from scorching sun to blizzards and rain.

There were people who lived near the buffalo herds,
they'd been there before settlers came.
They trusted Johnny and he understood their ways,
he was their friend and they knew him by name.

*Use a drum in the following song. Listen to the piano or CD and
play in time with the deep notes:
slow – quick-quick – slow – quick-quick – slow*

