



“James K. Polk”

by They Might Be Giants

Stanza 1--Copy & paste in next row of table.

In 1844^[MS1], the Democrats ^[MS2] were split
The three nominees for the presidential candidate
Were Martin Van Buren, a former president and an abolitionist
James Buchanan, a moderate
Louis Cass, a general and expansionist
From Nashville came a dark horse riding up^[MS3]
He was James K. Polk, Napoleon of the Stump

^[MS1]1844-Even number year divisible by 4, therefore an election year
^[MS2]One of the two major parties in the US, at that time. (Another one was the Whigs)
^[MS3]James K Polk. The other Candidates were dead meat.

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Made sure the tariffs fell
^[F2] And made the English sell the Oregon territory
He built an independent treasury
^[F3] Having done all this he sought no second term

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Mister James K. Polk, our eleventh president^[F4]
Young Hickory, Napoleon of the Stump

Francescas comments:

In four short years he met his every goal- ^[F1]The four goals, of his four terms were met within each year. These goals were

1. Settle the Oregon Territory boundary dispute with Great Britain
2. Acquire California
3. Lower the tariff
4. Establish an independent treasury

He seized the whole southwest from Mexico

Made sure the tariffs fell- ^[F2]Polk seized the south west part of Mexico and tried to, and did make the tariffs go away

And made the English sell the Oregon territory

He built an independent treasury- ^[F3]This was one of his main goals that he met

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Mister James K. Polk, our eleventh president- ^[F4]Here Polk said if he met the main goals of him he would not run again and he kept his word with that many people mourned his death.

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Young Hickory[A6] , Napoleon of the Stump.
