

**James K Polk**  
**They Might Be Giants**

Artist: They Might Be Giants  
Song: James K. Polk  
Album: Factory Showroom

Verse 1:

**C** **G(B)** **C F(A)** **C G C F**  
In eighteen forty-four, the Democrats were split  
**C** **G(B)** **C F(A)** **C G C F**  
The three nominees for the presidential candidate  
**C** **G** **C** **F** **C F G -**  
Were Martin Van Buren, a former president and an abolitionist  
**C** **F G**  
James Buchanan, a moderate  
**C** **F** **G** **Am** **D** **D(C)** **D(B)** **D(A)**  
Louis Cass, a general and expansionist  
**C** **F** **C** **F** **G - - -**  
From Nashville came a dark horse riding up  
**C** **Am** **F** **G** **C** **F** **C** **G**  
He was James K. Polk, Napoleon of the Stump

Verse 2:

Austere, severe, he held few people dear  
His oratory filled his foes with fear  
The factions soon agreed  
He s just the man we need  
To bring about victory  
Fulfill our manifest destiny  
And annex the land the Mexicans command  
And when the votes were cast the winner was  
Mister James K. Polk, Napoleon of the Stump

Bridge:

**C G C F** **C F G**  
**C F G**  
**C F G Am** **D D(C)** **D(B)** **D(A)**  
**C F C F** **G**  
**C Am F G** **C F C G**

Verse 3:

In four short years he d met his every goal  
He seized the whole southwest from Mexico  
Made sure the tarriffs fell  
And made the English sell the Oregon territory  
He built an independent treasury

Having done all this he sought no second term  
But precious few have mourned the passing of  
Mister James K. Polk, our eleventh president  
Young Hickory, Napoleon of the Stump