

# "Family Tree"

As performed by Tom Chapin from the CD: Family Tree



Verse #1: Before the days of Jell-O  
Lived a prehistoric fellow  
Who loved a maid and courted her  
Beneath the banyan tree.

And they had lots of children  
And their children all had children  
And they kept on having children until  
One of them had me.

**CHORUS:** **We're a family and we're a tree.**  
**Our roots go deep down in history**  
**From my great, great granddaddy**  
**Reaching up to me.**  
**We're a green and growing family tree.**

Verse #2: My grandpa came from Russia,  
My grandma came from Prussia.  
They met in Nova Scotia,  
Had my dad in Tennessee.

Then they moved to Yokahama  
Where daddy met my mama,  
Her dad's from Alabama  
And her mom's part Cherokee.

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**Our roots go deep down in history**  
**From my great, great granddaddy**  
**Reaching up to me.**  
**We're a green and growing family tree.**

Verse #3: Well, one fine day I may go  
To Tierra del Fuego,  
Perhaps I'll meet my wife there and  
We'll move to Timbuktu.

And our kid will be bilingual,  
And though she may stay single,  
She could of course co-mingle  
With the king of Katmandu, 'cause

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Verse #4: Music only – featuring the violin

Verse #5: The folks in Madagascar  
Aren't the same as in Alaskar.  
They have different foods, different moods and  
Different colored skin.

You may have a different name but  
Underneath we're much the same,  
You're probably my cousin and  
The whole world is our kin.

**CHORUS: We're a family and we're a tree.  
Our roots go deep down in history  
From my great, great grandmother  
Reaching up to me.  
We're a green and growing family tree.  
We're a green and growing family.**