

## **The Ballad of Self-Directed Joe**

(Lyrics by P Leidy, based on *The Ballad of Jed Clampett*, by Paul Henning)

Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named Joe  
All he ever wanted was to run his own show  
The system wasn't workin', something had to give  
So Joe could build the life that he wanted to live

*(Choice, that is ... control ... dignity ...)*

Well the first thing you know old Joe's got a plan  
Kin folk said "Get a broker, young man!"  
Said, "Self-directed is what you oughtta be"  
So they loaded up his stuff and he moved to Beverly

(Hills, that is ... See, back in Wisconsin Joe had suddenly become filthy rich overnight. This was after the county made a BIG mistake with his individualized budget. Self determination all right! Swimmin' pools, movie stars, Swiss bank accounts...)

Beverly Hills Joe!

*(banjo break)*

Now it was time for Joe to give back all the cash  
So he returned a little, but kept himself a stash  
Authorities are searchin' the United States for Joe  
But he was last seen lyin' on a beach in Mexico  
And that is the ballad of Self-Directed Joe