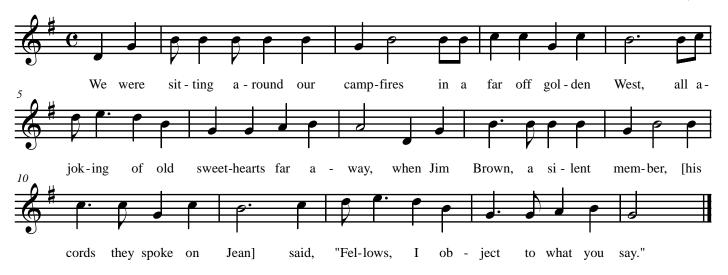
# In A Far Off Golden West

As sung by Lee Tester

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#### Verse 1.

We were sitting around our campfires In a far off golden West, All a-joking of old sweethearts far away, When Jim Brown, a silent member, [His cords they spoke on Jean] Said, "Fellows, I object to what you say."

### Verse 2.

"There's a girl down in Ohio,
That dear old buckeye state,
Who promised to be faithful 'til I come.
I have here her loving message,
On it my life I'd stake,
A letter from Ohio home sweet home."

#### Verse 3.

After months of lucky toiling
And ol' Jim had made his stay,
The postman came one morning with his pang.
Oh the postman came that morning
With his pack strap on his back,
With a letter from Ohio [marked in black.]

#### Verse 4.

He called each name out clearly,
He called the name of Jim,
For Jim stepped slowly forward pale as clay.
He read it o'er in silence,
Oh how we pitied him,
"She's dead," we heard him whisper then and say:

#### Verse 5.

"It's a letter from Ohio,
That dear old buckeye state,
A [brithing] of the old home and the one who said she'd wait.
I have here her loving message,
On it my life I'd stake,
A letter from Ohio home sweet home."

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# **Critical Commentary**

### **HST notes:**

In the Professional Papers series: Lee learned this song from his father.

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