

## Desert Pete Tab By The Kingston Trio

Intro - E

I was travelin' west of Buckskin - on my way to a cattle run

Cross a little cactus desert -- under a hot blisterin' sun

I was thirsty down to my toenails -- I stopped to rest me on a stump

But I tell you I just couldn't believe it -- when I saw that water pump

I took it to be a mirage at first It'll fool a thirsty man

Then I saw a note -- stuck in a bakin' powder can

This pump is old the note began but she works so give'er a try

I put a new sucker washer in 'er -- you may find the leather dry

Youve got to, prime the pump you must have faith and believe, youve got to

Give of yourself 'fore you're worthy to receive

Drink all the water you can hold wash your face cool your feet

Leave the bottle full for others thank you kindly Desert Pete

Yeah, you'll have to prime the pump -- work that handle like there's a fire

Under the rock you'll find some water I left there in a bitter's jar

Now there's just enough to prime it with -- so don't you go drinkin' first

Ya Just pour it in and pump like mad and, buddy, you'll quench your thirst

(Chorus)

Well, I found the jar, and I tell you, nothin' was ever prettier to my eye  
And I was tempted strong to drink it - because that pump looked mighty dry

But the note went on have faith my friend there's water down below

You've got to give to really get I'm the one who ought to know

So I poured in the jar and started pumpin' and I heard a beautiful sound

Of water bubblin' 'n' splashin' up out of that hole in the ground

I took off my shoes and drunk my fill of that cold refreshin' treat

I thanked the Lord, and I thanked the pump, and I thanked old Desert Pete

(Chorus)

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