

It's a Big Old Goofy World - John Prine (4/4 & 5/4)

Prelude:

About a year ago I was sitting around
 Helping my ma finish a crossword puzzle
 And there was this little thing on the back Of the crossword puzzle book
 It had a bunch of similes, like sly as a fox
 Busy as a bee, and you were supposed to fill in the blanks

So me and her started fillin' 'em in and we got to
 Laughing about some of them, and she started telling me
 Of something that once she heard when she was a kid in Kentucky
 And they're unmentionable
 But I didn't forget about it, and I took that page out of the book
 And kept it in my back pocket for a while

And I started collecting these similes
 'Cause it seemed odd to me that somebody could sing like an angel
 But eat like a horse
 So I let this kind of simmer for about a year
 And I sat down last Sunday and wrote this song

Originally this song was gonna be called
 "When the world was flat as a pancake, Mona Lisa was happy as a clam"
 But I opted for a different one here
 It's just called, "It's a Big Old Goofy World"

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B	-----0-----0-----	B	-----1-----1-----
G	-----0-----0-----	G	-----0-----0-----
D	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	D	-----2-----2-----2-----2-----
A	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	A	-----0h3-----3-----3-----3-----
E	-----0h3-----3-----3-----3-----	E	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
Up in the morning		Work like a dog	
D		c' b'G	
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B	-----0h3-----3-----	B	-----0h1-----0-----0-----
G	-----2-----2-----2-----2-----	G	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
D	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	D	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
A	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	A	-----3-----2-----2-----2-----
E	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	E	-----3-----3-----3-----3-----
Is better than sitting like a bump on a log			

Verse 1:

G
Up in the morning
C
Work like a dog
D
Is better than sitting
[c' b'] G
Like a bump on a log

Mind all your manners
Be quiet as a mouse
Someday you'll own a home
That's as big as a house

I know a fella
He eats like a horse
Knocks his old balls
Round the old golf course

You oughta see his wife
She's a cute little dish
She smokes like a chimney
And drinks like a fish

Chorus:

There's a big old goofy man
Dancing with a big old goofy girl
Ooh baby, it's a big old goofy world

Verse 2:

Now Elvis had a woman
With a head like a rock
I wished I had a woman
That made my knees knock

She'd sing like an angel
And eat like a bird
And if I wrote a song
She'd know every single word

Chorus:

There's a big old goofy man
Dancing with a big old goofy girl
Ooh baby, it's a big old goofy world

Solo: (Main Riff 2xs)

Verse 3:

Kiss a little baby
Give the world a smile
If you take an inch
Give 'em back a mile

'Cause if you lie like a rug
And you don't give a damn
You're never gonna be
As happy as a clam

So I'm sitting in a hotel
Trying to write a song
My head is just as empty
As the day is long

Why it's clear as a bell
I should have gone to school
I'd be wise as an owl
Instead of stubborn as a mule

Chorus/Outro:

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John Prine Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pH0TrSlbgVY>