# **GHOST RIDERS IN THE SKY**

### An old cowpoke went riding out

one dark and windy day,
Up on a ridge he rested
as he went along his way,
When all at once a mighty herd
of red-eyed cows he saw,
plowing through the ragged skies
and up a cloudy draw

#### Their brands were still on fire

and their hooves were made of steel, Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath he could feel, A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky, For he saw the riders coming hard and heard their mournful cry Yi-pee-yi-ay, Yi-pee-yi-oh, Ghost Riders in the sky.

## Their faces gaunt, their eyes were red

their shirts were soaked with sweat
They're riding hard to catch that herd
but they ain't got 'em yet
They have to ride forever on that
range up in the sky,
On horses breathing fire
As they ride I hear them cry
Yi-pee-yi-ay, Yi-pee-yi-oh,
Ghost Riders in the sky.

### The riders loped on by him

And he heard one call his name,
"If you want to save your hide
and soul from ridin on this range,
Then cowboy change your ways today
or with us you will ride,
Trying to catch the devil's herd
across these endless skies."
Yi-pee-yi-ay, Yi-pee-yi-oh,
Ghost Riders in the sky.

Em G
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Up on a ridge he rested as he went along his way
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All at once a mighty herd of red-eyed cows he saw,
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Plowing through the ragged skies
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and up a cloudy draw

G Em Yi-pee-yi-ay, Yi-pee-yi-oh, C Em Ghost Riders in the sky

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