

I'm An Old Cowhand

Words & Music:
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Thanks to correspondent Tony W., who found the intro chords on Jom Bottdorff's Banjo Page!

C G7 C G7 C G7 C
Step aside you ornery Tenderfeet, let a big, bad buckeroo past.
G7 C G7 C Em B7 Em Am
I'm the toughest hombre you'll ever meet, though I may be the last.
Am C+ G7 C Am D9 Dm7 G7
Yes-sirree we're a vanishing race, no-sirree can't last long.
G7 C G7 C D9 G7 F C
Step aside, you ornery Tenderfeet while I sing my song.

C F6 G7 C
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande,
C F6 G7 C
But my legs ain't bowed and my cheeks ain't tanned,
Am Em
I'm a cowboy who never saw a cow,
Am Em
Never roped a steer 'cause I don't know how,
Am Em
And I sho' ain't fixin' to start in now.
F6 G7 C Am F6 G7 C
Yippie-i-o-ky-ay---! Yippie-i-o-ky-ay!

I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande & I learned to ride 'fore I learned to stand,
I'm a ridin' fool who is up to date, I know ev'ry trail in the Lone Star State,
'Cause I ride the range in a Ford V-Eight. Yippie-i-o-ky-ay! Yippie-i-o-ky-ay!

I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande & I come to town just to hear the band,
I know all the songs that the cowboys know 'Bout the big corral where the dogies go,
'Cause I learned them all on the radio. Yippie-i-o-ky-ay! Yippie-i-o-ky-ay!

I'm and old cowhand from the Rio Grande Where the West is wild 'round the Border land,
Where the buffalo roam around the Zoo, And the old Bar X is a Bar B Q
And the Indians all shout "Boop-boop-a-doo!", . Yippie-i-o-ky-ay! Yippie-i-o-ky-ay!

INSTRUMENTAL FOR FIRST TWO LINES OF VERSE:

I'm a pioneer who was raised from scratch, don't give a damn if my shoes don't match
They don't call me Elmer, they call me Satch, Yippie-i-o-ky-ay! Yippie-i-o-ky-ay!