Ghost Riders in the Sky - Stan Jones, 1948

Intro: Am x 4

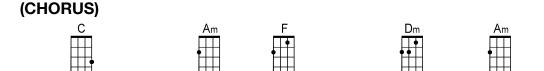


An [Am] old cowpoke went riding out one [C] dark and windy day [Am] Upon a ridge he rested as he went along his way [Am] When all at once a mighty herd of red-eyed cows he saw



[F] A'plowin' through the ragged skies, and [Am] up a cloudy draw

[Am] Their brands were still on fire and their [C] hooves were made of steel [Am] Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breaths he could feel [Am] A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky For he [F] saw the riders coming hard and he [Am] heard their mournful cry



Yi-pi-yi-[C] -o! Yi-pi-yi-[Am] -ay! [F] Ghost riders [Dm] in the [Am] sky

Instrumental (or whistle) over verse chords (Am, C; Am; Am; F, Am)

[Am] Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, and [C] shirts all soaked with sweat They're [Am] ridin' hard to catch that herd but they ain't caught them yet They've got to ride forever on that range up in the sky
On [F] horses snortin' fire, as they [Am] ride on, hear their cry

(CHORUS)

[Am] As the riders loped on by him, he [C] heard one call his name
[Am] "If you want to save your soul from hell a' ridin' on our range"
[Am] "Then cowboy change your ways today or with us you will ride"
[F] "A-tryin' to catch the Devil's herd [Am] across these endless skies."

(FINAL CHORUS)

Yi-pi-yi-[C] -o! Yi-pi-yi-[Am] -ay! {{ [F] Ghost riders [Dm] in the [Am] sky }} {{ 3x }}