



Texas John Slaughter Theme (Stan Jones, 1958) (C)

Texas John Slaughter by Stan Jones

C F
 His turned up white Stetson
 G C
 And pearl handled gun
 F G
 Were known both far and wide

C F
 With Stetson so white
 G C
 And a pearl handled gun
 F G
 Swinging on his side

Chorus

C
 For Texas John Slaughter
 F
 Made 'em do what they ought'er
 C G C
 'Cause if they didn't, they died

C F G C
 In Texas a Ranger he had become
 F G
 And outlaws he defied. **Chorus**

C F G C
 From Louisiana he went up to Texas
 F G
 A young man all in his pride. **Chorus**

C F G C
 The Ranger's badge he wore right well
 F G
 Makin' outlaws go and hide. **Chorus**

C F G C
 He fought for the right in the new land out West
 F G
 And its future helped decide. **Chorus**

C F G C
 He told men just once the law to obey
 F G
 Or get on his horse and ride. **Chorus**

C F G C
 He wore two things by which he was known
 F G
 And wherever he could ride. **Chorus**

C F G C
 John fell in love with a cattleman's daughter
 F G
 And asked her to be his bride. **Chorus**

C F G C
 John searched for a home on this wild frontier
 F G
 In peace to make his bride.

Repeat First verse and Chorus.

John Horton Slaughter (1841-1922) was a cattleman, Texas Ranger, and sheriff, and among his other pursuits, he was a prominent poker player. One writer called him "the meanest good guy who ever lived."

In real life, John Slaughter's foreman was killed when the foreman's horse was shot and fell on him. The shooter was Sheriff Elfego Baca, who was charged with murdering the foreman. He was acquitted.

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