Ghost Riders In The Sky
by Stan Jones (1948)

Am C F

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
An old cow-boy went riding out one dark and windy da--ay

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
U-pon a ridge he rested as he went a-long his wa--ay

Am . . . . | . . .
When all at once a mighty herd of red-eyed cows he sa--aw

F . . . . | . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Plowing through the ragged skies and up a cloudy dra--aw

. . | C . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Yipie i A--a---a--a--ay Yipie i O----o----o--oh

F . . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Gho-ost he-rd i----i----in the sky--y--y--y

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
Their brands were still on fire and their hooves were made of ste-eel

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath he could fee-eel

Am . . . . | . . .
A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky

F . . . . | . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
For he saw the riders coming hard and he heard their mournful cry---y----y----y

. . | C . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Yipie i A--a---a--a--ay Yipie i O----o----o--oh

F . . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Gho-ost ri--ders i----i----in the sky--y--y--y

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, their shirts all soaked with swe-eat

Am . . . . | C . . . | . . .
He's riding hard to catch that herd but he ain't caught 'em ye--et

. . | Am . . . | . . .
Cause they've got to ride for-ever on that range up in the sky

F . . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
On horses snorting fi--ire as they ride on hear their cry---y----y----y

. . | C . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Yipie i A--a---a--a--ay Yipie i O----o----o--oh

F . . . . | . . . | Am . . . . | . . .
Gho-ost ri--ders i----i----in the sky--y--y--y
As the riders loped on by him he heard one call his name.

If you want to save your soul from hell a riding on our range

Then cowboy change your ways to-day or with us you will ride

Trying to catch the devil’s herd across these endless skies

Yipie i A---a---a---ay Yipie i O----o----o----oh

Gho-ost ri--ders i----i---in the sky--y--y

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