

I'm an Old Cowhand

Words by Johnny Mercer, Music by Johnny Mercer & Harry Warren, 1936
For the Bing Crosby movie "Rhythm on the Range" (1936)

Intro: D A⁷ D (Last Line)

D E^{m7} - A⁷ D
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande
 E^{m7} - A⁷ D
But my legs ain't bowed and my cheeks ain't tanned
 B^{m7} F^{#m}
I'm a cowboy who never saw a cow
 B^{m7} F^{#m}
Never roped a steer 'cause I don't know how
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

And I sure ain't fixin' to start in now

E^{m7} A⁷ D E^{m7} A⁷ D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

D E^{m7} - A⁷ D
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande
 E^{m7} - A⁷ D
And I learned to ride 'fore I learned to stand
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

I'm a ridin' fool who is up to date
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

I know every trail in the Lone Star state
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

'Cause I ride the range in a Ford V8

E^{m7} A⁷ D A⁷ D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

D E^{m7} - A⁷ D
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande
 E^{m7} - A⁷ D
And I came to town just to hear the band.
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

I know all the songs that the cowboys know
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

'bout the big corral where the dogies go
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

'cause I learned them all on the rad-ee-o

E^{m7} A⁷ D A⁷ D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

D E^{m7} - A⁷ D
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande
 E^{m7} - A⁷ D
Where the west is wild round the borderland
 B^m F^{#m}

Where the buffalo roam around the zoo
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

And the tourists can buy a rug or two
 B^{m7} F^{#m}

And the old Bar-X is the bar-B-Q

E^{m7} A⁷ D A⁷ D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay (Repeat 1 "Yippie" for tag & rit.)

Soprano Baritone

