

# Cherokee

## Charlie Barnet and His Orchestra

Ooh, oh, oh, ooh, yeah  
Oh, you were wild and you were free, you were sons of destiny  
    But the White Man came and took your land away  
You were fire, you were flame, you were blood inside that vein  
    How he brought you fame, the day he came to stay  
        I hear you howling through the night  
        The wind is cold, the moon is like a flame  
            You cry our sorrow, hopes alike  
            And wakes a vengeance in your heart  
            Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
                Where your spirit lives forever  
            Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
                Where all your freedom lasts forever  
You were young but you were wise, you were smoke that always raised  
    How he put you down and spat upon your name  
You were snow, oh, you were rain, you would walk without a chain  
    But he changed your life and gave you all the blame  
        The sound of thunder breaks the arch  
        Ten thousand ridin', side by side  
        The time has come to end the fight, oh  
        For their freedom, for their rights, yeah  
        Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
            Where your spirit lives forever  
        Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
            Where all your freedom lasts forever  
The fire burns tonight, we all recall the fight  
    Where blood was shed without a reason  
Two hundred years have passed since you stood ashore  
    And raped your land down to the core  
    Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
        Where your spirit lives forever  
    Cherokee, riding free, you ride into the sky  
        Where all your freedom lasts forever  
Oh, Cherokee, you're riding free, you ride into the sky  
    Where your spirit lives forever, oh  
    Cherokee, you're riding free, you ride into the sky  
        Where all your freedom lasts forever, oh, oh, oh

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