

# Cowboy Logic

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There's a great American hero, we all look up to  
When the times are hard and the chips are down  
He knows just what to do  
Now a cowboy's got a set of rules that he lives by day to day  
If you ask for his advice, he'll more than likely say  
If it's a fence, mend it, if it's a dollar bill, spend it  
Before it burns a hole down in them jeans  
If it's a load, truck it, if it's a punch, duck it  
If she's a lady, treat her like a queen  
That's cowboy logic, every cowboy's got it  
It's in the way he lives his life and the songs he sings  
That's cowboy logic, every cowboy's got it  
He's got a simple solution to just about anything  
If it's a job, do it, put your back in to it.  
'Cause a little bit of dirt's gonna wash off in the rain  
If it's a horse, ride it, if it hurts, hide it  
Dust yourself off and get back on again  
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An old cowboy and a young buckaroo were workin', ridin'  
fence  
The old hand was testin' the kid on his skill and common sense  
He said, "Son, if you seen three men in a pick-up truck  
Dressed alike from boot to hat  
Could you tell which one was the real cowboy just from where he sat?"  
The kid scratched his head awhile and then he said  
"Well, there ain't no way to know"  
The old hand grinned and then he said  
"Kid, you've still got a ways to go  
The real cowboy's the one in the middle  
He ain't there just by fate  
'Cause first he don't have to drive  
And then he don't have to mess with the gate"  
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