

# Silverado

## Coastal Communities Concert Band

As a young man I was raised by men of the cloth  
and I was taught to judge men equal and not to find their faults  
until one day I witnessed a tragic thing  
the men lay on the church steps, slain  
and when the smoke cleared a tall man holstered his gun  
the bright day ended and a cloud did cover the sun  
I found hate in my heart that I'd never known before  
I'll see this man hang and if that's the one thing that I know for sure Silverado you'll hang by the hangman's tree  
and you'll die in misery His face remained in my eyes as I grew through the years  
I practiced shooting every day while trying to hold back the tears  
I travelled through Oklahoma and Texas to the Rio Grande  
knowing when I met Silverado the Lord would steady my hand Silverado you'll hang by the hangman's tree  
and you'll die in misery Then the day came I dreamed of for years  
Silverado stood before me and my heart it pounded in fear  
as he turned and saw my eyes he knew why I'd come  
and without a flick of the eyes he went for his gun  
and as I caused a fight tears come to my eyes  
when he collapsed before me I dropped my gun and sighed Silverado you'll hang by the hangman's tree  
and you'll die in misery

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