Ghost Riders in the Sky

Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson

An old cowboy went riding out one dark and windy day

Upon a ridge he rested as he went along his way

When all at once a mighty herd of red eyed cows he saw

A-plowing through the ragged sky and up the cloudy drawTheir brands were still on fire and their hooves were made of steel

Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath he could feel
A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky
For he saw the riders coming hard and he heard their mournful cryYippie yi ooh
Yippie yi yay

Ghost riders in the skyTheir faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, their shirts all soaked with sweat
He's riding hard to catch that herd, but he ain't caught 'em yet
'Cause they've got to ride forever on that range up in the sky

On horses snorting fire

As they ride on hear their cryAs 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 today or with us you will ride

Trying to catch the devil's herd, across these endless skiesYippie yi ooh
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