

Don Edwards

"The Master's Call"

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When I was but a young man I was wild and full of fire
A youth within my teens but full of challenge and desire
I ran away from home and left my mother and my dad
I know it grieved them so to think their only boy was
bad

I fell in with an outlaw band, their names were known
quite well
How many times we robbed and plundered, I could
never tell
This kind of sinful livin' leads only to a fall
I learned that much and more the night I heard my
master call

One night we rustled cattle, a thousand head or so
And started them out on the trail that leads to Mexico
But a norther started blowin' and lightnin' flashed
about
I thought someone was calling me I thought I heard a
shout

Then at that moment lightning struck not twenty yards
from me
And left there was a giant cross where once there was
a tree
And this time I knew a heard a voice, a voice so sweet
and strange
A voice that came from everywhere, a voice that called
my name

So frightened I was thinking of sinful deeds I'd done
I failed to see a thousand head of cattle start to run
The cattle they stampeded, were running all around
My pony ran but stumbled and it threw me to the
ground

I felt the end was nearing, that death would be the
price
When a mighty bolt of lightning showed the face of
Jesus Christ
And I cried, "Oh Lord, forgive me, don't let it happen

now

I want to live for You alone, oh God these words I vow"

My wicked past unfolded, I thought of wasted years
When another bolt of lightning killed a hundred head
of steers

And the others rushed on by me, and I was left to live
The Master had a reason, life is His to take and give

A miracle performed that night, I wasn't meant to die
The dead ones formed a barricade least 6 or 7 high
Right behind it, there was I, afraid but safe and sound
I cried and begged for mercy kneeling there upon the
ground

A pardon I was granted, my sinful soul set free
No more to fear the angry waves upon life's stormy sea
Forgiven by the love of God, a love that will remain
I gave my life and soul the night the Savior called my
name

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