

Hank Snow

"The Broken Wedding Ring"

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A cowboy with his sweetheart stood beneath a starlit
sky
Tomorrow he was leaving for the lonesome prairie wide
She said "I'll be your loving bride when you return
someday"
He handed her a broken ring and to her he did say

"You'll find upon that ring sweetheart my name
engraved in gold
And I shall keep the other half which bears your name
you know."
He went away to ride and toil this cowboy brave and
bold
But long he stayed and while he strayed the maiden's
love grew cold.

Three years had passed, he did not come, and Nell will
wed tonight
Her father said an Earl would make her happy home so
bright
The lights were gaily glowing as they stood there side
by side
"Let's drink a toast to this young man and to his lovely
bride."
Just then there stood within the door a figure tall and
slim
A handsome cowboy was their guest and slowly he
walked in
"I'll drink with you a toast." said he, and quickly in her
glass
He dropped his half of wedding ring, then anxiously he
watched.

She tipped her glass and from her lips a ring fell
shining bright
The token she had longed to see lay there beneath the
light
"Though years have been between us dear, love won
our last long fight,
It's you my cowboy sweetheart and my Jack I'll wed

tonight."

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