

## Burl Ives

### "Riders In The Sky"

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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  
draw

Their 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 cry

Yippie yi Ohhhhh  
Yippie yi yaaaaay  
Ghost Riders in the sky

Their 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 cry

As 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  
skies

Yippie yi Ohhhhh  
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