

## Burl Ives

### "The Lavender Cowboy"

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He was only a lavender cowboy,  
The hairs on his chest were two,  
But he wished to follow the heroes  
And fight like the he-men do.  
But he was inwardly troubled  
By a dream that gave him no rest,  
That he'd go with his heroes in action  
With only two hairs on his chest.  
First he tried many a hair tonic.  
'Twas rubbed in on him each night.  
But still when he looked in the mirror  
Those two hairs were ever in sight.  
But with a spirit undaunted  
He wandered out to fight,  
Just like an old-time knight errant  
To win combat for the right.  
He battled for Red Nellie's honor  
And cleaned out a holdup's nest  
He died with his six guns a-smoking  
With only two hairs on his chest.

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