

The Byrds "Chestnut Mare"

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Always alone, never with a herd
Prettiest mare I've ever seen
You'll have to take my word

I'm going to catch that horse if I can
And when I do I'll give her my brand

Well I was up on stony ridge after this chestnut mare
Been chasin' her for weeks
Oh I'd catch a glimpse of her every once in a while
Takin' her meal, bathin', a fine lady

This one day I happened to be real close to her
I saw her standin' over there
So I snuck up on her nice and easy
I got my rope out and I flung it in the air

I'm going to catch that horse if I can
And when I do I'll give her my brand
And we'll be friends for life, she'll be just like a wife
I'm going to catch that horse if I can

And I got her and I'm pullin' on her
And she's pullin' back like this mule goin' up a ladder
And I take a choice and I jump right up on her
Damned if I don't land right on top of her

And she takes off, runnin' up on to the ridge
Higher than I've ever been before
She's runnin' along just fine, till she stops something
spooked her
It's a sidewinder, all coiled and ready to strike
She doesn't know what to do for a second
But then she jumps off the edge, me holding on

Above the humes higher than eagles were gliding
Suspended in the sky
Over the moon straight for the sun we were riding
My eyes were filled with light

Behind us black walls below us a bottomless canyon
Floating with no sound

Gulls far below seemed to be suddenly rising
Exploding all around

I'm going to catch that horse if I can
And when I do I'll give her my brand
And we'll be friends for life, she'll be just like a wife
I'm going to catch that horse if I can

And we were falling down this crevice, about a mile
down I'd say
I look down and I see this red thing below us
Comin' up real fast and it's our reflection, it's a little
pool of water
About six feet wide and one foot deep

And we're crawling down right through it
We hit and we splashed it dry
That's when I lost my hold and she got away
But I'm gonna try to get her again some day

I'm going to catch that horse if I can
And when I do I'll give her my brand
And we'll be friends for life, she'll be just like a wife
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