

# Jimmy Buffett

## "Cowboy In The Jungle"

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Cowboy in the jungle

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There's a cowboy in the jungle

And he looks so out of place

With his shrimpskin boots and his cheap cheroots

And his skin as white as paste

Headin' south to paraguay

Where the gauchos sing and shout

Now he's stuck in porto bello

Since his money all ran out

So he hangs out with the sailors

Night and day they're raisin' hell

And his original destination's just another

Story that he loves to tell

With no plans for the future

He still seems in control

From a bronco ride to a ten foot tide

He just had to learn to roll

Chorus:

Roll with the punches

Play all of his hunches

Make the best of whatever came his way

What he lacked in ambition

He made up with intuition

Plowing straight ahead come what may

Steel band in the distance

And their music floats across the bay

While american women in moomoos

Talk about all the things they did today

And their husbands quack about fishing

As they slug those rum drinks down

Discussing who caught what and who sat on his butt

But it's the only show in town.

Chorus:

They're tryin' to drink all the punches

They all may lose their lunches  
Tryin' to cram lost years into five or six days  
Seems that blind ambition erased their intuition  
Plowin' straight ahead come what may.

I don't want to live on that kind of island  
No I don't want to swim in a roped off sea  
Too much for me, too much for me  
I've got to be where the wind and the water are free.

Alone on a midnight passage  
I can count the falling stars  
While the southern cross and the satellites  
They remind me of where we are  
Spinning around in circles  
Living it day to day  
And still twenty four hours may be sixty good years  
It's still not that long a stay.

Chorus:  
We've gotta roll with the punches  
Learn to play all of our hunches  
Makin' the best of whatever comes your way  
Forget that blind ambition  
And learn to trust your intuition  
Plowin' straight ahead come what may  
And there's a cowboy in the jungle

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