

## John Denver

# "I'd Rather Be A Cowboy (Lady's Chains)"

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This song appears on six albums, and was first released on the Farewell Andromeda Album, and has also been released on the Changes, Country Classics, The Country Roads Collection and The Rocky Mountain Collection Albums. A live version also appears on The Best of John Denver Live Album.

Jesse went away last summer, a couple of months ago  
After all our time together, it was hard to see her go  
She called me right up when she arrived, asked me  
one more time to come  
Or livin' on an LA freeway, Ain't my kinda havin' fun

I think I'd rather be a cowboy  
I think I'd rather ride the reins  
I think I'd rather be a cowboy  
Then to lay me down and love the lady's chains

We were just beginnin', it was such an easy way  
Layin' back up in the mountains, makin' songs for  
summer days  
She got tired of pickin' daisies, cookin' my meals for  
me  
She can live the life she wants to, yes, it's alright with  
me

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I think I'd rather ride the reins  
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Then to lay me down and love the lady's chains

I'd rather live on the side of a mountain  
Than wander through canyons of concrete and steel  
I'd rather laugh with the rain and the sunshine

Then lay down my sun down in some starry field

Oh, but I miss her in the morning, when I awake alone  
The absence of her laughter, is a cold and empty  
sound  
But her memory always makes me smile, and I want  
you to know

I love her yes I love her, just enough to let her go

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