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"Fourth Of July Rodeos"

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Just about two hundred years ago they signed that
declaration
Tellin' everybody in the whole wide world
They're gonna start a brand new nation
From that day on the 4th of July has been a holiday
To the rich man, poor man and everybody else but the
cowboys in the RCA

Well I get on the phone and call the airlines
Rent-a-cars and greyhound stations
'Cause I've entered 'bout thirteen rodeos out across the
great big nation
Got the car tuned up the tanks full of gas I've got
money in my hand
And if I ain't overdrawn by the end of the week at the
bank I'm a lucky man

It's the 4th of July on the rodeo trail and it'll drive you
insane
My wife's worried home by the telephone I'm on the
road again
It's the 4th of July on the rodeo trail if I ever make it
home I swear
I'm gonna hang up my hat put up my riggin' sack
And for a month I'm gonna stay right there

Well I've been on the road about three days now
And I haven't had a minutes rest
There's dark circles all around my bloodshot eyes
And my face is now a whiskered mess
Boy I'd sure like a bath and a home cooked meal
But for now I must be satisfied
With this double super-duper half cooked burger
And a side of grease soaked French fries

Well the week's nearly over and I wonder to myself
Will I ever make it home alive
When a bronc fell on me up in Calgary
When he slipped tryin' to make his high dive
And the plane and the pilot that we rented
Looked like surplus from world war I
And I thought any times about suicide but I haven't

found myself a gun

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