## Chris Ledoux "Tie A Knot In The Devil's Tail"

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Way up high in the Sierra peaks Where the yellow jack pines grow tall Old Sandy Bob and Buster Jiggs Had a roundup camp last fall

Oh, they'd taken the horses and the runnin' irons And may be a dog or two And they swore they'd brand all long ear calves That came within their view

And any old doggie that flapped long ears And didn't brush up by day Got his long ears whittled, and his old hat scorched In a most artistic way

Now one fine day old Sandy Bob He throwed his easy go down Well, I'm sick of the smell of this here burnin' hair And allows I'm a goin' to town

So they saddles up and they hits 'em a lope For it weren't no sign of a ride And then was the days when a buckaroo Could oil up his insides

Oh, they starts her off at Kentucky bar At the head of a whiskey row And they winds up down by the depot house Some forty drinks below

And then sets up and turns around And goes her the other way And to tell you the God forsaken truth Them boys got stewed that day

As they was a ridin' back to camp A packin' a pretty good load Well, who should they meet but the Devil himself A prancin' down the road

Says he, "You ornery cowboy skunks You better hunt your holes For I've come up from Hell's Rim Rock
To gather in your souls"

Says Sandy Bob, "Old devil be damned We boys is kinda tight And ya ain't gonna get no cowboy souls Without one hell of a fight"

So Snady Bob punched a hole in his rope And he swang her straight and true And he lapped it onto the Devils' horns And he taken his dallies too

Now Buster Jiggs was a Reata man With his gut line coiled up neat So he shakes her out and he built him a loop And he lassoed up the Devil's hind feet

Well, they stretched him out and they tailed him down While the iron was gettin' hot And they cropped and swallow forked both his ears And they branded him up a lot

They pruned him up with a dehorning saw And they knotted his tail for a joke They then rode off and left him there Neck to a blackjack oak

So if your ever up high in the Sierra peaks And you hear one hell of a wail You'll know it's that Devil a bellerin' about them Knots tied in his tail

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