

Nat King Cole "Ballad Of Cat Ballou"

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- artists: nat king cole and stubby kaye
- words by mack david and music by jerry livingston
- title song from the 1965 film starring jane fonda, lee marvin (who won an oscar
- for his dual role as a drunken lawman and his counterpart, outlaw kid sheleen)
- cole and kaye, as strolling minstrels, functioned as a greek chorus, commenting
- on the action (?)

Well now friends just lend an ear
For you're now about to hear
The ballad of cat ballou
It's a song that's newly made
And professus and the shade
And the sunrise kid are singin' it for you

Cat ballou, cat ballou

It's a hangin' day in wolf city, wyomin'
Wolf city, wyomin', eighteen ninety four
They're gonna drop cat ballou
Through the gallows floor

She killed a man in wolf city, wyomin'
Wolf city, wyomin', killed a man it's true
And that is why they're a-hangin'
Hangin' cat ballou

She has the smile of an angel
(fights like the devil)
The eyes of an angel
(bites like the devil)
The face of an angel
(I say she's the devil)
(she's mean and evil through and through)

Cat ballou, cat ball-ou-ou-ou
She's mean and evil through and through

With her outlaw band they're now tellin' a story
Now tellin' a story how she rode the plain
The wildest gal in the we-est

Since calamity jane

And today's the day that she's goin' to glory
She's goin' to glory for the way she sinned
They'll be a-speedin' her soul
On a wayward wind

She has the smile of an angel
(fights like the devil)
The eyes of an angel
(bites like the devil)
The face of an angel
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Cat ballou (cat ballou)
Cat ball-ou-ou-ou (cat ballou)
She's mean and evil through and through

Cat ballou, cat ball-ou-ou-ou
She's mean and evil through and through

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