

## **Ramblin' Jack Elliot "Tennessee Stud"**

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Along about eighteen and twenty-five  
I left Tennessee very much alive  
I never would have made it through the Arkansas mud  
If I hadn't been a-riding on the Tennessee Stud  
chorus

The Tennessee Stud was long and lean  
The color of the sun and his eyes were green  
He had the nerve and he had the blood  
And there never was a horse like the Tennessee Stud  
I had some trouble with my sweetheart's pa  
One of her brothers was a bad outlaw  
I sent her a letter by my Uncle Thud  
And I rode away on the Tennessee Stud

One day I was riding in a beautiful land  
I run smack into an Indian band  
They jumped their nags with a whoop and a yell  
And away we rode like a bat out of Hell

I circled their camp for a time or two  
Just to show what a Tennessee horse can do  
The redskin boys couldn't get my blood  
'Cause I was a-riding on the Tennessee Stud

I drifted on down into no man's land  
I crossed the river called the Rio Grande  
I raced my horse with the Spaniards bold  
'Til I got me a skinful of silver and gold

Me and a gambler, we couldn't agree  
We got in a fight over Tennessee  
We jerked our guns, he fell with a thud  
And I got away on the Tennessee Stud

Well I got as lonesome as a man can be  
A-dreaming of my girl in Tennessee  
And the Tennessee Stud's green eyes turned blue  
'Cause he was a-dreaming of a sweetheart too

I loped on back across Arkansas  
And I whupped her brother and I whupped her pa  
I found that girl with the golden hair

And she was a-riding on a Tennessee Mare

Stirrup to stirrup and side by side  
We crossed the mountains and the valleys wide  
We came to Big Muddy and we forded the flood  
On the Tennessee Mare and the Tennessee Stud

Pretty little baby on the cabin floor  
And a little horse colt playing 'round the door  
I love the girl with the golden hair  
And the Tennessee Stud loves the Tennessee Mare.

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