

**Sertab Erener****"Readers Of The Open Range"**

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Spoken:

Vern: Howdy, my name's Vern,  
This here's my gang (nods to man on one side,  
Woman on the other). We're special sort of cow-pokes  
And we'd like to tell ya a little bit about ourselves.

Sung:

Vern: We travel all around the west  
Just looking for a chance  
To satisfy our passion  
For adventure and romance  
We do the things that cowboys do  
Like fussin' with our herds  
But what we really love the most is  
Reading words

All: We're readers, readers  
Readers of the open range  
We're readers, readers

Vern: Readers of the open range

Spoken:

Vern: Hey look boys, what's that sign say there?

Other Male: Well, I can read that,  
It says, "Gopher Junction"

(Note: the sign actually says "Gopher Jct.  
", not the best idea for teaching kids how to read,  
IMHO)

Female: Yeah, and "Dodge City".

Men: Yeeha!

Sung:

Vern: We read the signs along the road  
We fill the wordless gaps  
Read labels in our cowboy hats  
And cowboy boots and chaps  
We do the things that cowboys do  
Like fussin' with our herds  
But what we really love the most is  
Reading words

All: We're readers, readers  
Readers of the open range  
We're readers, readers

Vern: Readers of the open range

Spoken:

Vern: I see ya got your Acme cowboy boots on.  
Other Male: Yup, and I'm wearing my International  
League  
Of Garment Workers shirt, ahhh-heee!

Sung:

Vern: Sometimes we read right into town  
To get some extra licks  
We look around for words to read  
That's how we get our kicks  
We see them up above the stores  
Along the dusty street  
But, riding through to read the town is

Other Male: Real excitin'

Female: Goshdarn nation

All: Really treat

We're readers, readers

Readers of the open range

We're readers, readers

Vern: Readers of the open range

All: We're readers, readers

Readers of the open range

We're readers, readers

Vern: Readers of the open range

Spoken:

Vern: Oh, lookey there, there's Dalton Gazette

Female: Oh yeah, and the dentist

Other Male: Oh, look up yonder, it's the seed store

Oh and look, Jake's and Harry the blacksmith

Vern: Sasparilly

Well boys, I'd love to stay and read some more,

But I think we better head for home.

Other Male: Yep.

Vern: We're bound to find a few more signs on the way.

Sung (as they ride into the sunset):

Readers of the open range

We're readers, readers

Readers of the open range

We're readers, readers

Yoddle-a-e-hoo!

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