

## Max Stalling

### "Sparks"

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Well, there he sits huddled by his fire  
Dreaming his dreams that he's dreamed before  
Just watching those sparks drifting up to heaven  
And watching his hopes drift away like smoke  
Just look at those sparks drifting up to heaven  
Seeking a place among the stars  
Do you think sparks dream of being stars  
And if they do, do they know they're fools

He drifted to town some years ago with the first fall  
snow  
He spoke of the circuit and all the bulls that he'd rode  
But the bulls had outdone him and all he'd wound up  
with  
Were broke bones and handfuls of dirt  
And if you'd had his dreams you'd know how that must  
have hurt

So just let him be a broke down old cowboy  
Just let him dream his worn out old dreams  
He's tall in his tales where he was quicker than most  
And if you had know him then you'd know he's not one  
to boast

Just look how he walks when he sees a lady  
Straightens right up, tips a hat to those near  
And look at the kids. ten steps behind him  
Whispering things they think he can't hear  
But if you could see his eyes you'd know he damned  
well hears

So just let him be a broke down old cowboy  
Just let him dream his worn out old dreams  
He's long in the tooth; he's bent frail and fragile  
But if you had know him then you'd know he might  
speak the truth

We've all have our dreams that we carry around  
Some dreams go with us right into the ground  
Sparks turns to ashes; cowboys meet their matches  
And the quickest they don't always win

But dreaming's your first step and one steps where  
journeys begin

So just let us be broke down old cowboys  
Just let us dream our worn out old dreams  
We're tall in our tales where we were so damned much  
quicker than most  
And if you had know us then you'd know we're not the  
type of people who boast

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