

## **Perry Como**

# **"You Don't Kno' What Lonesome Is ( 'Till You Get to Herdin' Cows )"**

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Do me Ah Ma doo, Do me Ah Ma day!  
All alone . . . all alone!

When the hoot owl toots his tooloo  
to the whale of the nip wick hen,  
and the chink funk chirps in the chilly night,  
it's mighty lonesome then . . .

And it's mighty lonesome when the wind,  
howls thru the jack-pine boughs  
but you don't kno' what lonesome is,  
'till you get to herdin' cows . . .

Do me Ah Ma doo, Do me Ah Ma day!  
All alone . . . all alone!

Oh, the ordinary fella,  
gets off on a Saturday night  
an' he gets a chance to see his pals  
with change no more than right  
but when the saddle is your life  
there's no time to carouse  
and you don't kno' what lonesome is,  
'till you get to herdin' cows . . .

Do me Ah Ma doo, Do me Ah Ma day!  
By myself . . . by myself!  
Now, the keeper of the lighthouse  
an' the sailor man at sea  
an' the lookout on the mountain top  
ain't got a thing on me  
'cause I got all the lonesomeness  
that the common law allows  
Man, you don't kno' what lonesome is,  
'till you get to herdin' cows . . .

Do me Ah Ma doo, Do me Ah Ma day!  
Cowboy blues . . . cowboy blues!

Now, you may often wonder  
why a cowpoke sings so sad

he's a thinkin' of the many things  
in life he's never had  
no pal, no gal for company  
jus' the kettle as they prowl  
man, you don't kno' what lonesome is,  
'till you get to herdin' cows . . .

Do me Ah Ma doo, Do me Ah Ma day!  
All alone . . . by myself!  
Cowboy blues . . . doggone cow!  
Doggone COW!  
Doggone you, you licked me again!

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