

## **Byrds, The**

### **"Chestnut Mare"**

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Always alone never with a herd  
Prettiest mare i've ever seen  
You'll have to take my word

I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can  
And when i do i'll give her my brand

Well i was up on stony ridge after this chestnut mare  
I'd been chasin' her for weeks  
Oh, i'd catch a glimpse of her every once in a while  
Takin' her meal, or bathin  
A fine lady

This one day i happened to be real close to her  
I saw her standin' over there  
So i snuck up to her nice and easy  
And i got my rope out  
And i flung it in the air

I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can  
And when i do i'll give her my brand  
And we'll be friends for life  
She'll be just like a wife  
I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can

Well i got her, and i'm pullin' on her, she's pullin' back  
Like a mule goin' up a ladder  
I take this chance and i jump up on her  
Damned if i don't land right on top of her  
Well she takes off, runnin' up on to that ridge  
Higher than i've ever been before  
She's runnin' along just fine, till she stops  
Something spooked her  
It's a sidewinder, all coiled and ready to strike  
She doesn't know what to do for a second  
But then she jumps off the edge  
Me holding on

Above the clouds

Higher than eagles were gliding  
Suspended in the sky

Over the moon  
Straight for the sun we were riding  
My eyes were filled with light

Behind us black walls  
Below us a bottomless canyon  
Floating with no sound

Gulls far below  
Seemed to be suddenly rising  
Exploding all around

I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can  
And when i do i'll give her my brand  
And we'll be friends for life  
She'll be just like a wife  
I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can

And we were falling down this crevice, about a mile  
down  
I'd say! i look down and i see this red thing below us  
It's our reflection in a little pool of water  
About six feet wide, and one foot deep  
And we're comin' up real fast  
Crawling down right through it  
We hit and we splashed it dry  
That's when i lost my hold and she got away  
But i'm gonna' try to get her again some day

I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can  
And when i do i'll give her my brand  
And we'll be friends for life  
She'll be just like a wife  
I'm gonna' catch that horse  
I'm gonna' catch that horse  
I'm gonna' catch that horse if i can  
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