

## Brooks Garth

### "Cowboy Bill"

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(Larry Bastian/E. Berghoff)

He told a good story and all of us kids listened  
'Bout his life on the border and the way it was then  
And we all believed him and when he would finish  
We'd ask the old cowboy to tell 'em again

You could almost hear those prairie winds blowin'  
His saddle a creakin' 'neath his old faded jeans  
You could taste the dry dust from the trail he was ridin'  
As he sat there and painted those west Texas scenes

#### CHORUS

And the grown-ups would tell us  
You boys keep your distance, that old man's just tellin'  
you lies  
But to all of us kids Cowboy Bill was a hero  
Just as true as his blue Texas skies

He told of a time when he rode with the Rangers  
Down on the pecos and he saved the day  
Outnumbered by plenty, they werre almost too cover  
With thirty banditos headed their way

He looked back just in time to see a horse stumble  
The captain went down and Bill pulled up on his rains  
And through a flurry of bullets he rescued the captain  
And they rode for a sunset, just the story remains

#### CHORUS

Well I still remember the day that it happened  
We waited and we waited but Bill never showed  
And the follks at the feed store said they hadn't seen  
him  
So we set out for his place down Old Grist Mill Road

And we cried when we found him lying there with his  
mem'ries  
The old trunk wide open, things scattered about  
He was clutchin' a badge that said Texas Ranger

And an old "yeller" letter said Texas Is Proud

And the grown-ups that told us  
You boys keep your distance, that old man's just tellin'  
lies

Well now they're all sayin' Cowboy Bill was a hero  
Just as true as his blue Texas skies

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