

New Deal String Band

"THE TENDERFOOT"

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1: One day I thought I'd have some fun
I'd see how punchin' cows was done
Solpeno round up had begun
I'd tackle the cattle king.
Says he my foreman's gone to town
He's in the saloon his name is Brown
Just speak to him he'll take you down
Says I that's just the thing.

2: We started out for the ranch next day
Brown he talked to me most of the way
Says punchin' cows is nothin' but play
It is no work at all
He said all you have to do is ride
It's just like swimming with the tide
That son of a bitch oh how he lied
He certainly had his gall.

3: They saddled me up on an old grey hack
With a big old saddle fast to his back
They padded him down with a gunny sack
And with my bedding on.
When I got on him he left the ground
Went up in the air and twisted around
When we came down I busted the ground
I had one hell of a fall.

4: They picked me up and they carried me in
They rubbed me down with an old stake pin
Says that's the way they all begin
You're doin' fine says Brown.
Tomorrow morning if you don't die
We'll give you a brand new horse to try.
Oh say can I walk says I.
Says Brown - yes back to town.

5: I've travelled up and I've travelled down
I've travelled this whole wide world around
I've lived in city and I've lived in town
and I've got this much to say.
Before you start cowpunchin' kiss your wife

Take a great big insurence out on your life
Then cut your throat with a butchers knife
Its easier done that way.

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