A Cowboy Was Born

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She was holding her breath and he attempted a prayer And he was cussing the dust rising up in the air 'Cos the old cattle trail, well, it weren't anywhere For a baby to draw its first breath

And the unbroken West, well, it was no place to live 'Cos it was hard to survive and it was Hell if you did So he entered this world with a pair of clenched fists And the first and last tears he'd shed

And the longhorns lowed him a welcome As a new voice cried from the buckboard And the Irish, they sang sad and lonely 'Cos they knew a cowboy was born

Well, the Berry closed in and a century passed The settlers plowed under the tall prairie grass And the cow town's died off in a world changing fast But the wind kept the spirit alive

'Cos a young boy in Kansas, he caught a breeze one day And in a five-second rush, he was fighting for eight He saw it all so clear through the dirt on his face He knew he was born to ride

And the long lost heir to the saddle finally found his way back home

As he picked up his hat, well, the crowd cheered 'Cos they knew a cowboy was born Yeah, that day a cowboy was born

From the heroes in the bright lights of Vegas
Through the poets of the sage and thorn
A proud legacy of a nation, thank God, the cowboy was born
Yeah, thank God, the cowboy was born