Red Headed Stranger

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Now the redheaded stranger, from Blue Rock, Montana Rode into town one day Between his knees was a raging black stallion Walkin' behind was a bay Now the redheaded stranger had eyes like the thunder His lips were sad and tight Cause his little lost love lay asleep on the hillside And his heart was heavy as night

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Now the yellow-haired lady leaned out of her window And watched as he passed her away She drew back at fear at the sight of the stallion But cast greedy eyes on the bay But she didn't know that the dancin' bay pony Meant more to him than life Cause this was the horse that his little lost darlin' Had ridden when she was his wife

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Now the yellow-haired lady went down to the tavern And looked up the stranger there When he bought her some drinks, and he gave her some money But she just didn't seem to care She followed him out as he saddled the stallion And he laughed when she grabbed for the bay Well he shot her so quick, they had no time to warn her She never heard anyone say

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Now the yellow-haired lady was buried at sunset The stranger went free, of course Cause you can't hang a man for shootin' a woman Who's tryin' to steal your horse Now this is the tale of the redheaded stranger And if he should pass your way Stay out of the path of the raging black stallion And don't lay a hand on the bay