An old cowboy went riding out one dark and windy day
Upon a ridge he rested as he went along his way
When all at once a mighty herd of red-eyed cows he saw
Plowin' through the raging sky and up a cloudy draw

Their brands were still on fire and their hoofs were made of steel

Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath they could feel

A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky

He saw the riders comin' hard and he heard their mournful cry

Yi-pi-yi-ay, yi-pi-yi-o Ghost riders in the sky

Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, their shirts were soaked with sweat

He's ridin' hard to catch that herd but he ain't caught them yet

'Cause they've got to ride forever in that range up in the sky

On horses snortin' fire, as they ride on, hear their cry

Yi-pi-yi-ay, yi-pi-yi-o Ghost riders in the sky Yi-pi-yi-ay, yi-pi-yi-o Ghost riders in the sky

The riders rode on by him and he heard one call his name.

"If you want to save your soul from hell a-riding on our range,

Then cowboy change your ways today or with us you will ride

Tryin' to catch this devil's herd Across these endless skies."

Yippee-yi-ay, yippee-yi-o, Ghost riders in the sky. Yippee-yi-ay, yippee-yi-o, Ghost riders in the sky.