

# Just As I Am

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The red-headed stranger from Blue Rock, Montana  
Rode into town one day  
And under his knees was a ragin' black stallion  
And walkin' behind was a bay  
The red-headed stranger had eyes like the thunder  
And his lips, they were sad and tight  
His little lost love lay asleep on the hillside  
And his heart was heavy as night

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A yellow-haired lady leaned out of her window  
An' watched as he passed her way  
She drew back in fear at the sight of the stallion  
But cast greedy eyes on the bay  
But how could she know that this dancin' bay pony  
Meant more to him than life  
For this was the horse that his little lost darlin'  
Had ridden when she was his wife

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The yellow-haired lady came down to the tavern  
An' looked up the stranger there  
He bought her a drink, an' he gave her some money  
He just didn't seem to care  
She followed him out as he saddled his stallion  
An' laughed as she grabbed at the bay  
He shot her so quick, they had no time to warn her  
She never heard anyone say

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

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