GHOST RIDERS

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An old cow poke went ridin' out one dark & 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, Ploughin' thru the ragged skies — and up a cloudy draw. Yip-pi-yi-o! - - - The ghost herd in the sky! Yip-pi-yi-ay! Their brands were still on fire and their hooves were made of steel. Their horns were black & shiny and their hot breath he could feel. A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered thru the sky, And he saw the riders comin' hard --- and he heard their mournful cry. Yip-pi-yi-ay! Yip-pi-yi-o! - - - Ghost riders in the sky! Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, their shirts all soaked with sweat. They're ridin' hard to catch that herd but they ain't caught 'em yet, Cause they've got to ride forever on that range up in the sky. On horses snortin' fire, --- as they ride on, hear their cry! Yip-pi-yi-o! - - - Ghost riders in the sky! Yip-pi-yi-ay! As the riders loped on by him he heard one call his name, "If you wanna' save your soul from Hell a-ridin' on our range, Then cowboy change your ways today or with us you will ride Tryin' to catch the devil's herd --- across these endless skies!"

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