

One Lonely Rider

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Key D 4/4

Intro D

1. D G D G D
A hot wind blew 'cross the prairie, a whiff of smoke in the air
 Bm G D Em A
The cattle were restless and wary. The night riders better take care
 D G D G D
We lost Little Joe and three ponies down a dry wash early that day
 Bm G D Em A D
When a wall of water came sudden, and swept Big Ed's best pal away

 Bm G D
Chorus The campfire was glowing, the cattle were lowing
 Em A D
I was weary right down to my soul
 G D
One lonely rider watched our campfire
 Em A F#m Bm Em A D
Go down to its last burning coal Go down to its last burning coal

2. Big Ed pulled duty as night hawk. I offered to stand watch instead
He said the horses would keep him from thinking 'bout Joe being dead
I bedded down away from the others. My buckskin was grazing near by
I listened to him softly breathing as I watched the firelight die

Chorus

3. (narration)
Well I woke to a shout in the darkness. You know the cattle, they were starting to run
The top hands all scrambled for horses. All of them bolted but one
So I jumped to the back of my buckskin. You know, there's one thing that I've learned
And that's if I could catch up to the leaders then somehow the herd could be turned

4. Well a lone rider came out of nowhere, his catch rope stiff in his hand
An angel sent down from heaven, he turned that whole demon band
Well, slowly they circled each other, then stopped and then stood deathly still
I couldn't find sign of that rider. I reckon that I, I never will

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Coda One lonely rider watched our campfire
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