

# My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys

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I grew up a-dreamin' of bein' a cowboy  
Lovin' the cowboy ways  
Pursuin' the life of my high-ridin' heroes  
I burned up my childhood days I learned all the rules of the modern-day drifter  
Don't you hold on to nothin' too long  
Just take what you need from the ladies then leave them  
With the words of a sad country song My heroes have always been cowboys  
And they still are, it seems  
Sadly, in search of, but one step in back of  
Themselves and their slow-movin' dreams  
Cowboys are special with their own brand of misery  
From being alone too long  
You could die from the cold in the arms of a nightmare  
Knowin' well your best days are gone Pickin' up hookers instead of my pen  
I let the words of my years fade away  
Old worn-out saddles, an old worn-out memories  
With no one and no place to stay  
My heroes have always been cowboys  
And they still are, it seems  
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