

# Ghost Riders In The Sky – Stan Jones

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**Key:** Capo: 3rd Fret **Notes:** Also performed by Vaughn Monroe and Johnny Cash

[Intro]

Am – C – Am

[Verse 1]

Am C  
An old cowpoke went riding out one dark and windy day  
Am C  
Upon a ridge he rested as he went along his way  
Am C Am  
When all at once a mighty herd of red-eyed cows he saw  
F Dm Am  
A'plowin' through the ragged skies, and up a cloudy draw

[Verse 2]

Am C  
Their brands were still on fire and their hooves were made of steel  
Am C  
Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath he could feel  
Am C Am  
A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky  
F Dm Am  
For he saw the riders coming hard and he heard their mournful cry

[Chorus]

C Am  
Yippie yi Ohhhhh Yippie yi yaaaaay  
F Am  
Ghost Riders in the sky

[Verse 3]

Am C  
Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, and shirts all soaked with sweat  
Am C  
They're ridin' hard to catch that herd but they ain't caught them yet  
Am C Am  
Cause they've got to ride forever on that range up in the sky  
F Dm Am  
On horses snortin' fire, as they ride on, hear their cry

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

Am C  
As the riders loped on by him, he heard one call his name  
Am C  
"If you want to save your soul from hell a' ridin' on our range"  
Am C Am  
"Then cowboy change your ways today or with us you will ride"  
F Dm Am  
"A-tryin' to catch the Devil's herd across these endless skies."

[Chorus]

[Intro] [embellished]

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