

Cowboy's Dream (Sweet Bye-and-Bye Revised)

by D.J. O'Malley (1886, from traditional sources)

G G C C D7 D7 G

Last night as I lay on the prai-re and looked at the stars in the sky.
I know there will be a great round-up, and the cow-boys like do-gies will stand,

9 G G G7 C Am Am7 D D7 G

I won-dered if ev-er a cow-boy would drift to that sweet by and bye?
to be marked by the ri-ders of judge-ment, who-are post-ed and know ev-ery brand.

17 G D D7 G G D D7 G

The road to thaat bright hap-py re-gion is a dim nar-row trail, so they say;
They say that He'll ne-ver for-get you; that He knows ev-ery ac-tion and look-

25 G G G7 C Am Am7 D D7

- while the broad one that leads to per-dit-tion is post-ed and blazed all the
- So for safe-ty you bet-ter get brand-ed; get your name in the great tal-ly

32 G G G G C Am D D7 G D7 G G G C Am

way. Roll on, rol on, roll on lit-tle dog-gies roll on, roll on. roll on, roll on, roll

46 D D7 G G

on lit-tle dog-gies roll on, on.

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(traditional, tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean", poem by D.J. O'Malley, 1886))

G
C
G
G/D
G
A7
D
D7
 Last night as I lay on the prairie and looked at the stars in the sky
G
C
G
G/D
A7
D7
G
G/D
 How I wondered if ever a cowboy would drift to that sweet by and by

G
G/D
C
A7
A7
D7
G
G/D
 Roll on, roll on, roll on little doggies roll on roll on
G
G7
C
A7
A7
D7
G
G
 Roll on, roll on, roll on little doggies roll on

The road to the broad happy region
 Is a dim narrow trail so they say;
 But the bright one that leads to perdition
 Is posted and blazed all the way.

They say there will be a great round-up,
 And cowboys, like dogies will stand,
 To be marked by the riders of judgment
 Who are posted and know every brand.

And I'm scared that I'll be a stray yearling
 A maverick unbranded on high;
 And get cut in the bunch with the "rusties"
 When the Boss of the riders goes by.

For they tell of another big owner
 Who's ne'er overstocked, so they say,
 But who always makes room for the sinner
 Who drifts from the straight narrow way.

They say He will never forget you
 That He knows every action and look;
 So, for safety, you'd better get branded
 Have your name in the great Tally book.