

# I'm An Old Cowhand

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*D* *Bm7* *Em7* *G/B* *A7* *Edim* *D* *G*  
I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande,  
*D* *Bm7* *Em7* *G/B* *A7* *Edim* *D* *G* *D* *D*  
But my legs ain't bowed and my cheeks ain't tanned;  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *Bm*  
I'm a cowboy who never saw a cow --  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
Never roped a steer, 'cause I don't know how,  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *Bm*  
And I sure ain't fixin' to start in now.  
*D*<sup>(½)</sup> *Em7*<sup>(½)</sup> *G/B*<sup>(½)</sup> *A7+5*<sup>(½)</sup> *D*<sup>(½)</sup> *Bm7*<sup>(½)</sup> *D*<sup>(½)</sup> *D*<sup>(½)</sup>  
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*D* *Bm7* *Em7* *G/B* *A7* *Edim* *D* *G* *D* *D*  
And I learned to ride 'fore I learned to stand;  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
I'm a ridin' fool who is up to date --  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
I know every trail in the Lone Star state,  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
'Cause I ride the range in a Ford V8.  
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*D* *Bm7* *Em7* *G/B* *A7* *Edim* *D* *G* *D* *D*  
And I came to town just to hear the band;  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
I know all the songs that the cowboys know  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *F#m*  
'Bout the big corral where the dogies go,  
*Bm* *Bm* *F#m* *Bm*  
'Cause I learned them all on the rad-ee-o  
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