

Ragtime Cowboy Joe

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C^(½) *Cdim*^(½) *Gm7*^(½) *B7*^(½)
 Out in Arizona where the bad men are, and the
C^(¼) *Gm6*^(¼) *A7*^(½) *D7*^(½) *G7*^(½)
 only thing to guide you is an Eve'ning star
C^(½) *B7dim*^(½) *C*^(¼) *E7b5*^(¼) *Am*^(½)
 The roughest, toughest man by far is
D7^(½) *G7*^(½) *C*^(½) *C*^(½)
 Ragtime Cowboy Joe
G^(½) *F#7*^(½) *G*^(½) *Edim7*^(½)
 Got his name from singin' to the cows and sheep
G^(¼) *Dm6*^(¼) *E7*^(½) *A9*^(¼) *D7*^(¼) *D7*^(½)
 Ev'ry night they say he sings the herd to sleep
C^(½) *B7*^(½) *C7*^(½) *Am*^(½) *B7*^(½) *B7*^(½) *E*^(¼) *B7*^(¼) *G7*^(½)
 In a basso rich and deep croonin' soft and low.

C *C*^(¾) *Am7*^(¼)
 He always sings raggy music to the cattle, as he
D7 *D7*
 swings back and forward in the saddle on a
G7 *G7*
 horse that is syncopated, gaited, and there's
C^(¼) *Caug5*^(¼) *Am7*^(½) *D7*^(½) *G7*^(½)
 such a funny meter to the roar of his repeater. How they
C *C*^(¾) *Am7*^(¼)
 run when hear that fellow's gun because the
D7 *D7*
 Western folks all know he's a
Am^(¼) *Dm*^(¼) *Cdim7*^(¼) *Ddm*^(¼) *Am*^(¼) *Dm*^(¼) *Am*^(¼) *D7b5*^(¼)
 high-faluting, scooting, shooting son-of-a-gun from Arizona
C^(¼) *A7*^(¼) *D9*^(¼) *G7* *C*
 Rag time Cowboy Joe.

He dressed up ev'ry Sunday in his Sunday clothes
 He beats it for the village where he always goes
 And ev'ry girl in town is Joe's 'cause he's a ragtime bear.
 When he starts aspieling on the dance hall floor
 No one but a lunatic would start a war
 Wise men know his forty four makes men dance for fair.