

(Ghost)

RIDERS IN THE SKY

(A Cowboy Legend)

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Driving and mysterious (♩ = 116–120)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment begins with a *mf* dynamic. The first system of piano music includes chords Em, Em7, and Em6. The second system includes Am, Em, and Em6, with a first ending marked '1. An'. The third system includes Em and G, with lyrics: 'old cow - poke went rid - in' out one dark and wind - y day. (2.) horns are black and shin - y and their hooves are made of steel.' The fourth system includes Em and lyrics: 'Up - on a ridge — he rest - ed as — he Their brands were still — on fi - re and — their'.

rode a - long — his way. When all at once a might - y herd — of
hot breath he — could feel. A bolt of fear shot through him as — they

red - eyed cows he saw sky, for a - plow - ing through the rag - ged sky —
thun - dered through the sky, for he saw the Rid - ers com - in' hard —

and up a cloud - y draw. }
and he heard their mourn - ful cry: }

Yip - pee yie aye, — yip - pie yie

Em C

oh, _____ ghost { herd (rid - ers) }

Am 1 Em Em7 Em6

in the sky. 2. Their

2 Em Em/B Am Em/G Bm/F# Em

sky. 3. Their fac - es gaunt, their eyes _ are blurred, their

G Em

shirts all soaked with sweat. They're rid - in' hard to catch _ that herd, but they ain't caught 'em yet. _ 'Cause they've

got to ride — for - ev - er on that range up in the sky on hors - es snort - in' fi - re.

As they ride on hear 'em — cry: Yip pee yie

aye, — yip-pie yie oh, —

ghost rid - ers in the sky.

N.C.

Fiddle solo

Em6

Em

G

4. As the rid - ers loped on by him, he heard one call his name.

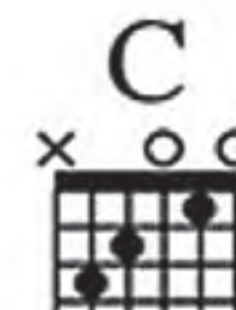
Em



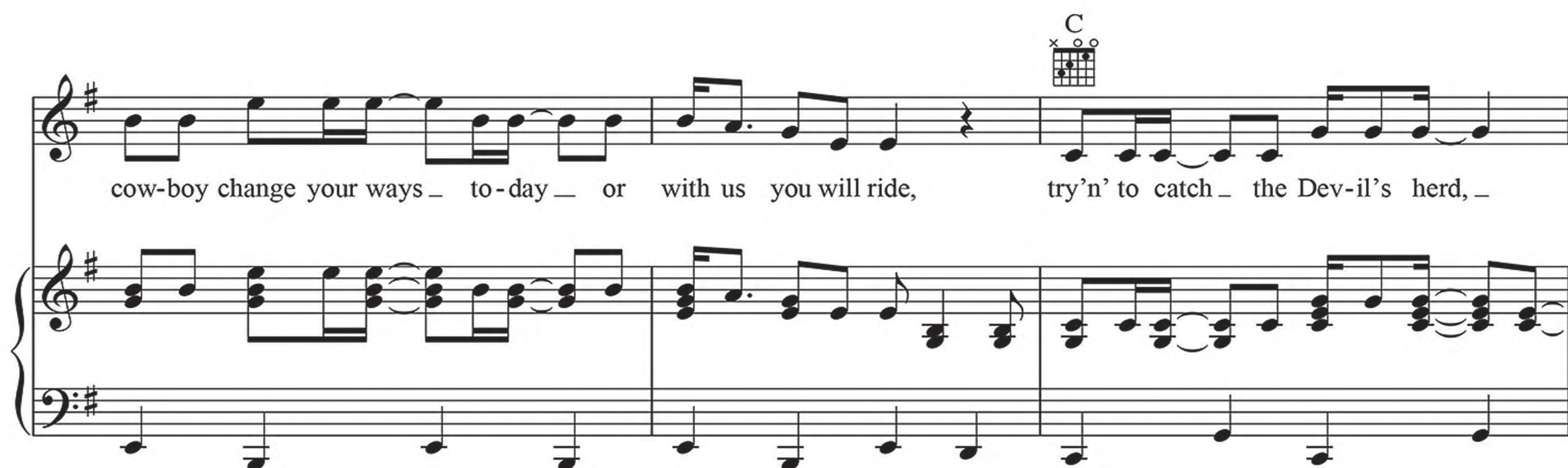
If you want to save _ your soul from Hell a - rid - in' on _ our range, then



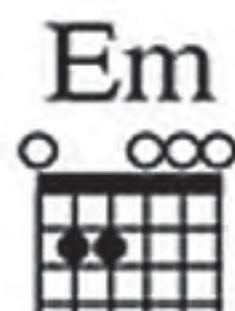
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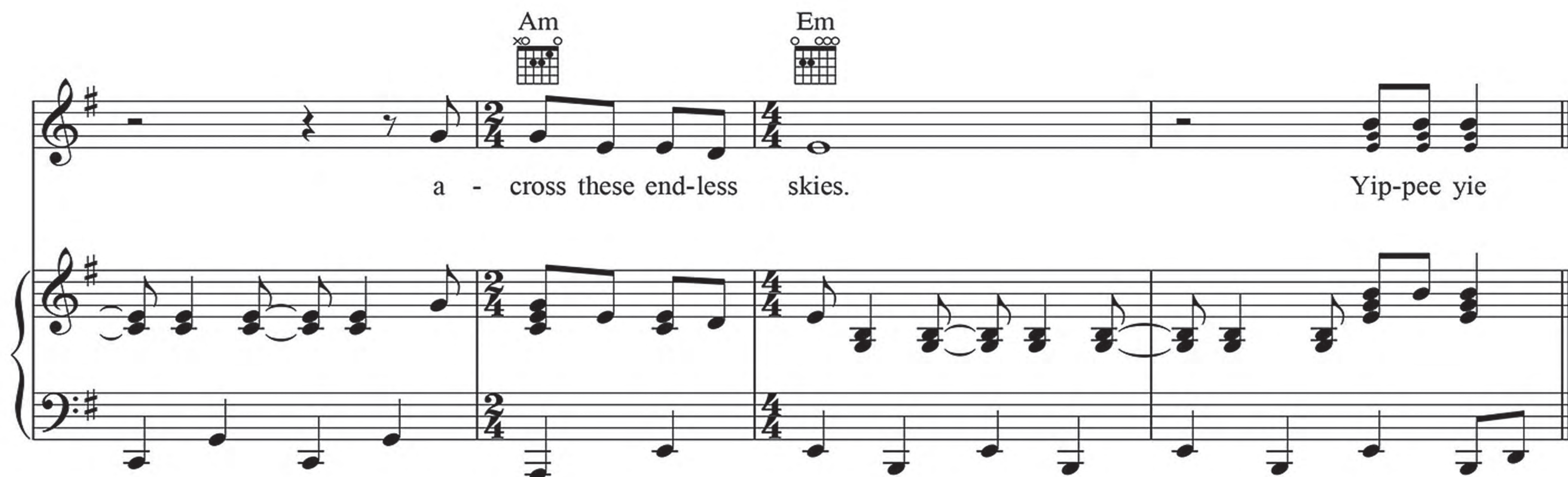
cow-boy change your ways _ to-day _ or with us you will ride, try'n' to catch _ the Dev-il's herd, _





Am Em

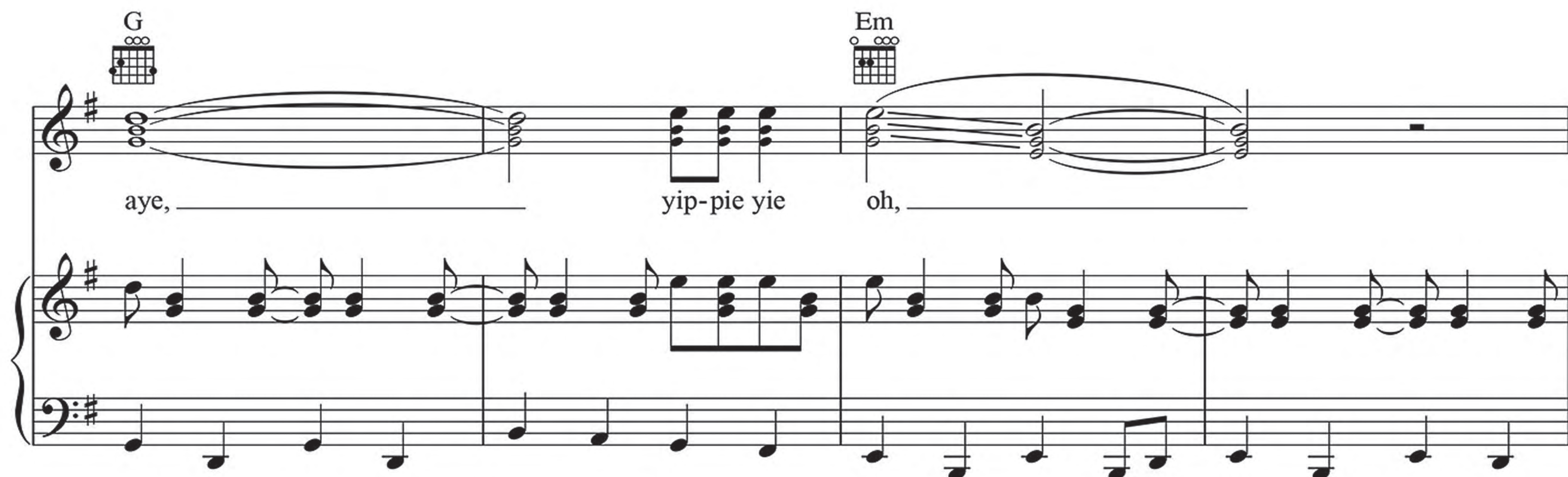
a - cross these end-less skies. Yip-pee yie



G Em

aye, _ yip-pie yie oh, _



Chord diagrams: C, Am, Em

ghost rid - ers in the sky. Yip-pie yie

Chord diagrams: G, Em

aye, yip - pie yie oh,

Chord diagrams: C, G

ghost rid - ers in the sky.

Chord diagrams: Em, Em6

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