

# I'm an Old Cowhand (From the Rio Grande), Jazz Chords

Bb for Jazz Key

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Hollywood Cowboy Swing [Sons of the Pioneers 1936] ( $\text{♩} = 205$ )

**[Intro]**

Sheet music for the intro of "I'm an Old Cowhand". The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The chords are GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, D<sup>7(#9)</sup>, GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, and N.C. The lyrics are "(Yippee-yi - o - ki - yay,) yippee-yi - o - ki - yay.) I'm an old cow -".

**[Refrain]**

Sheet music for the first part of the refrain. The lyrics are "hand from the Rio Grande. But my legs ain't bowed and my cheeks ain't tanned. I'm a". The chords are GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, EMI<sup>7(b5)</sup>, and A<sup>7(#9)</sup>.

Sheet music for the second part of the refrain. The lyrics are "cow-boy who nev-er saw a cow. Nev-er roped a steer, 'cause I don't know how. And I shore ain't fix - in' to start in now.". The chords are DMI<sup>7</sup>, AMI<sup>7</sup>, DMI<sup>7</sup>, AMI<sup>7</sup>, BMI<sup>7(b5)</sup>, E<sup>7</sup>, AMI<sup>7</sup>, and D<sup>7(b9)</sup>.

Sheet music for the end of the refrain and the coda. The lyrics are "Yippee - yi - o - ki - yay, yippee - yi - o - ki - yay. (I'm an old cow-)". The chords are GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, D<sup>7(#9)</sup>, GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, and N.C. A bracket above the last two measures indicates "To Coda Last Time".

**∅ Coda**

Sheet music for the coda. The lyrics are "-yay Yipp - ee - yi - o - ki - yay.". The chords are FMA<sup>7</sup>, GMI<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, FMA<sup>7</sup>, and FMA<sup>7</sup>.

2. I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande. And I learned to ride, 'fore I learned to stand. I'm a ridin' fool who is up to date. I know every trail in the Lone Star State. 'Cause I ride the range in a Ford V8. Yippee-yi-o-ki-yay, yippee-yi-o-ki-yay.
3. I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande. And i come to town just to hear the band. I know all the songs that the cowboys know 'bout the big corral where the dogies go 'cause i learned them all on the radio. Yippee-yi-o-ki-yay, yippee-yi-o-ki-yay.
4. I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande. Where the west is wild, 'round the border land. Where the buffalo roam around the zoon and the indians make you a rug or two. And the old Bar-X is a Bar-B-Q. Yippee-yi-o-ki-yay, yippee-yi-o-ki-yay. Yipp-e-e-yi-o-o-ki-i-yay.