I'm an Old Cowhand

Words by Johnny Mercer, Music by Johnny Mercer & Harry Warren, 1936
For the Bing Crosby movie "Rhythm on the Range" (1936)

Soprano   Baritone

Intro: D A⁷ D (Last Line)

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D                E^m7 - A^7              D
I'm an old cowhand     from the Rio Grande
                 E^m7 - A^7                     D
But my legs ain't bowed    and my cheeks ain't tanned
     B^m                 F^#m
I'm a cowboy who never saw a cow
     B^m                       F^#m
Never roped a steer 'cause I don't know how
     B^m               F^#m
And I sure ain't fixin' to start in now
       A^7      D          A^7     D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

       D                E^m7 - A^7              D
   I'm an old cowhand     from the Rio Grande
                     E^m7 - A^7                     D
   And I learned to ride      'fore I learned to stand
          B^m                 F^#m
   I'm a ridin' fool who is up to date
          B^m                     F^#m
   I know every trail in the Lone Star state
          B^m                     F^#m
   'Cause I ride the range in a Ford V8
           A^7      D          A^7     D
   Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

D                E^m7 - A^7              D
I'm an old cowhand     from the Rio Grande
             E^m7 - A^7                 D
And I came to town      just to hear the band.
     B^m                       F^#m
I know all the songs that the cowboys know
        B^m                     F^#m
'bout the big corral where the dogies go
        B^m                     F^#m
'cause I learned them all on the rad-ee-o
       A^7      D          A^7     D
Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay

       D                E^m7 - A^7               D
   I'm an old cowhand     from the Rio Grande
                     E^m7 - A^7               D
   Where the west is wild      round the borderland
          B^m                 F^#m
   Where the buffalo roam around the zoo
          B^m                     F^#m
   And the tourists can buy a rug or two
          B^m                     F^#m
   And the old Bar-X is the bar-B-Q
           A^7      D          A^7     D
   Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay  (Repeat 1 "Yippie" for tag & rit.)
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