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## TO THE MEN OF THE CATTLE TRAIL

I muse of the days of the open range  
When the red man was our foe.  
Of the rounding up, of a herd for the trail  
In the days of long ago.

Of the days when the only trail  
That led the herds to the market place.  
Was traveled by thousands of long legged steers  
That could out distance a deer in a race.

After a long hard day on the dusty trail  
To reach bed ground and water hole.  
The cowboy hoped for at least a few hours  
To snooze in his old bed role.

He scarcely had reached sweet slumber land  
To dream of home and loved ones there.  
Than he is wide awake and on the alert  
For there is trouble in the air.

The cattle have broken and are on the run  
The lightening flashes are bright,  
He runs to his horse which is staked near by  
And rides like wild through night.

Perhaps a steer dreamed of the red hot iron  
With which the brand is put on.  
A bellow of fright tears through the night  
Then the herd is up and gone.

With thunder of hoof and crash of horn  
With tails up in the air.  
They are on the way but where or why  
They neither know or care.

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They webe off like the wind of a raging flood  
That couldn't be turned aside.  
Then the cow boy trusted all to his old cow hoss  
And at racing speed he did ride.

The night was so dark he couldn't see  
Beyond his Mustang Bronchoes ears.  
But he rode tight his saddle and tried to keep up  
With the herd of thundering steers.

He didn't always win the midnight race  
For some times his cow hoss fell.  
Then the mangled remains of a good cow hand  
Of a horrible death would tell.

The cow boys mount was a spanish broncho  
The toughest breed ever known.  
His disposition was that of satan himself  
And body was made of whale bone.

He was ewe necked and buzzard headed  
And was equipped with broad generous feet.  
But for staying power and endurance  
The old mustang has never yet been beat.

His wild free spirit never left him  
He only submitted to saddle and bit.  
And the cow boy who each day rode him  
Had to possess both staying power and grit.

The trail is now crossed fenced with barbed wire  
The farmer man and his plow.  
Has left no grass on the mnce wide range  
For the long horned steer and cow.

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The long horned steer has gone up the long trail  
Even his horns are hard to find.  
And the stock saddle and the old cow hoss  
Are not very far behind.

The chuck wagon now is a museum piece  
As are the sombrero and high heeled boot.  
The "old hog leg" is now no longer used  
Except when there is a nice fat hog to shoot.

The frying pan and the coffee pot  
The "Sow belly" and old "hard tack"  
Have now gone up the long long trail  
And are never coming back.

The old cow boys are passing too  
Some are feeble and some are hale.  
But soon they will only a memory be  
Those men of the cattle trail.

I hope the pearly gate  
Will be flung open wide.  
When they reach the end of the long long trail  
and cross the great divide.

I hope they may walk the golden street  
And arrive at the fathers throne.  
And hear him say well done, well done  
Well done, and welcome home.

All honors to the pioneers and cow men  
Though the cow men ventured first.  
Into the land where savage beasts were vicious  
And where savage men were worse.

They endured privations and hardships  
While others in safety repose  
They conquered the desert and made  
"Blossom as the rose."

(Signed) by: G. W. Saunders

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## EARLY LIFE IN TEXAS

Tallow candles  
Ox-wagon  
Bull tongue plow  
One mail a month  
Log cabin-dirt floor  
Muzzle loading guns  
Cap and ball pistols  
Indian raids  
Chills and fever-quinine-calomel  
Powder horns  
Long hair  
Long whiskers  
Jeans breeches  
Hickory shirts  
Hoops and shirts and Bussels  
Rosy cheek girls, no paint  
Side Saddle  
Frying pan and skillet  
Smoke house to cure mast fed bacon

Crackling bread  
Pot-Licker (Licker)  
Lye soap  
Ash hopper  
Trunnel beds  
Rawhide and hair ropes  
Goard dipper  
Rope, tie, and milk ten  
wild cows daily to get  
one gallon of milk.  
Spinning wheel and loom  
Iron wedge and glut  
Frow and drawing knife  
Cob pipe  
Razer-back hogs  
Corn bread and clabber  
Shirt tail boys  
The old swimming hole

The above life produces the following characters

The believe

The greatest quality in a nation is justice

The greatest quality in a man is loyalty

Treachery marks the worthless man and loyalty  
the good man.

Loyalty to your country, your friends, your  
beliefs, your Ancestry, your promises and your  
purposes are the things that make life worth while.

Loyalty is courage and devotion.

Geo. W. Saunders