

Ultimate Cowboy

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G **Am**
On the Day of the Cowboy one cowboy rode on
G **Am** **D**
Across that wide prairie where others have gone,
C **D** **G** **Em**
He rode for the team and he rode for the brand
Am **D**
Till the rein slipped from his hand . . .

G **Am**
In that small-town arena he had to have seen the
G **Am** **D**
fans whistling and wishing him well
C **D** **G** **Em**
Although two left the gate and the man got his eight
Am **Am** **D**
Only one rode on when he fell . . .

G **Am**
Through our sorrows unceasing the cowboy's at peace
G **Am** **D**
As we think of where others have been
C **D** **G** **Em**
Where the horses are fed and the cattle a-bed
Am **Am** **D**
And the cowdogs roam happy and free
C **D** **G**
Jackson's back in the saddle again

Key of G | Slow waltz tempo

G **Am**
There his horse lets her rider slip off beside her
G **Am** **D**
And she runs with the wind in her mane
C **D** **G** **Em**
Where the horses are fed and the cattle a-bed
Am **Am** **D7**
And the cowdogs roam happy and free
C **D** **G**
Jackson's back in the saddle again

[brief bridge, repeat lines 3-4 above, humming]
C **D** **G** **Em**
La-la la-la-la-la, la-la la-la-la la,
Am **Am** **D**
La-la-la-la la la-la-la la—

G **Am**
We will honor his memory, think of him every
G **Am** **D**
moment we wait for that gate
C **D** **G** **Em**
He rode on before us, we're singing this chorus:
Am **Am** **D7**
Some leave us more early than late

C **D** **G** **Em**
Now the evening is risin' on that long blue horizon
C **D**
where the rainbow rolls out of the rain
C **D** **G** **Em**
The clouds drift away at the close of the day where
C **C** **D**
the legends are ridin' the range
C **D** **Em**
Jackson's back in the saddle again . . .
C **D** **G**
Jackson's back in the saddle again.

[coda, repeat last line of chorus humming 2X]
La-la-la-la, there's never an end—