I’m an old cowhand from the Rio Grande

Lively tempo but slower in verse 4

Verse 1 - Tenor has melody – Other parts sing words in support.

I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande  
But my legs ain't bowed and my cheeks ain't tanned  
I'm a cowboy who never saw a cow  
Never roped a steer cause I don't know how  
And I sure ain't a fixin' for startin’ now  
Yippie yi yo kayay yeah

Yippie yi yo kayay

Verse 2 - Soprano has melody – Alto in harmony – Bass & tenor provide echo lines.

I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande  
And I learned to ride, 'fore I learned to stand  
I'm a riding fool who is up to date  
I know every trail in the Lone Star State  
Cause I ride the range in a Ford V-8

Yippie yi yo kayay yeah

Yippie yi yo kayay

Verse 3 - Soprano has melody – all others in harmony – Bass & tenor provide echo lines.

We're all old cowhands from the Rio Grande  
And we come to town just to hear the band  
We know all the songs that the cowboys know  
‘Bout the big corral where the doggies go  
Cause we learned them all on the radio

Yippie yi yo kayay yeah

Yippie yi yo kayay

Verse 4 - Bass has melody – all other parts provide backing chords – tempo is slower and with pauses.

I'm an old cowhand from the Rio Grande  
Where the west is wild round the borderland  
Where the buffalo roam around the zoo  
and the Indians make you a rug or two  
and the old Bar X is a barbecue

Yippie yi yo kayay yeah

Yippie yi yo kayay

Yippie yi yo kayay yeah

Yippie…. yi yo…. Kayay….. yeah