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