

I'd Rather Be A Cowboy

(By John Denver)

C **F** **C**
Jessie went away last summer, a couple of months ago.
C **F** **C**
After all our time together, it was hard to see her go.
C **F** **C**
She called me right up when she arrived; asked me one more time to come.
C **F**
But livin' on a L.A. freeway ain't my kind of having fun.

REFRAIN:

F **G7** **C** **C7**
I think I'd rather be a cowboy.
F **G7** **C** **C7**
I think I'd rather ride the range.
F **G7** **C**
I think I'd rather be a cowboy,
G7 **C**
Than to lay me down in love and lady's chains.

C **F** **C**
When we were just beginning, it was such an easy way.
C **F** **C**
Layin' back up in the mountains singin' songs for sunny days.
C **F** **C**
But she got tired of pickin' daisies and cooking my meals for me.
C **F**
She can live the life she wants to; yes, it's all right with me.

(Repeat Refrain)

G7 **F** **C**
I'd rather live on the side of the mountains
G7 **F** **C** **G7**
Than wander through canyons of concrete and steel.
G7 **F** **C**
I'd rather laugh with the rain and the sunshine,
Dm **F** **D7** **G7**
And lay down my sundown in some starry field
C **F** **C**
Oh, but I miss her in the mornin' when I awake alone.
C **F**
The absence of her laughter is a cold and empty sound.
C **F** **C**
But her memory always makes me smile and I want you to know
C **F**
I love her; yes, I love her just enough to let her go.

(Repeat Refrain twice and end)