

COWBOY STORY

Readers Theater
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Sound effects:

SHY LADIES	Oh, my!
COWBOYS	Hi, Partner.
GUNS	Bang! Bang!
OUTLAWS	Stick'em up.
HORSES	Clippity clop (on lap)
CATTLE	Moooooooooo.
TEXAS	"Deep in the Heart of Texas."
INDIANS	WoooWoooWoooWooo.

Once upon a time there was a peaceful little city in **TEXAS!** In it lived many **COWBOYS** and **SHY LADIES** who had a great number of **HORSES** and large herds of **CATTLE**. Not far from the little city in **TEXAS** lived an **INDIAN** tribe. They had been very friendly to the **COWBOYS** and **SHY LADIES**, and had not once bothered them or their **HORSES** and **CATTLE**.

One day, the big chief of the tribe came to see the **COWBOYS**. He told them he had heard that there were **OUTLAWS** on the way to try to rustle all of their **CATTLE** and **HORSES**. They were very brave about the whole thing, but the **SHY LADIES** became afraid and the **COWBOYS** had to console them by telling them that they would see to it that the **OUTLAWS** would not harm them.

Meanwhile, the **OUTLAWS** had been planning to sneak up to the city and steal the **CATTLE** and **HORSES** late at night. The little city in **TEXAS** looked as if it were asleep that night, but in reality the **COWBOYS** and **SHY LADIES** were wide awake, and waiting on the outskirts of the city. The **OUTLAWS** were now in the city, not knowing that they were expected. They quietly walked into the barn, where many of the **HORSES** and **CATTLE** were kept, and started to lead the animals out. The **COWBOYS** surprised the **OUTLAWS**, pointed their **GUNS** at them and told them, unless they stopped rustling people's **HORSES** and **CATTLE**, they would kill them. Of course the **OUTLAWS** didn't want to be killed, so they promised that they would never steal any **CATTLE** or **HORSES** again. They got on their **HORSES** and rode away. The **COWBOYS** put their **GUNS** away, and went back into their barn to quiet the **HORSES** and **CATTLE**, with the **SHY LADIES**, while the **INDIANS** mounted their **HORSES** and rode away.