RITA BALLOU
Words and Music by Guy Clarke
sung by John Denver on Forever, John (1998)

C
SHE COULD DANCE AND SLOW YOU 'BOUT
F
SHUFFLE TO SOME COWBOY HUSTLE
C
HOW SHE MADE THOSE TROPHY BUCKLES
G
SHINE, SHINE, SHINE.
C
WILD-EYED IN MEXICAN SILVER
F
TRICKIN' DUMB OLD COUSIN WILLARD
C
INTO THINKING THAT HE GOT HER THIS TIME.
F
HILL COUNTRY, HONKY-TONKIN' RITA BALLOU
G
EVERY BEER JOINT IN TOWN HAS PLAYED A FOOL FOR YOU.
F
BACK SLIDIN', BARREL RIDIN' RITA BALLOU
G
AIN'T A COWBOY IN TEXAS WOULD NOT RIDE A BULL FOR YOU.
C
SHE'S A RAWHIDE ROPIN' VELVET MIXTURE
F
WALKIN', TALKIN' TEXAS TEXTURE
C
HIGH-TIMING, BARROOM FIXTURE KIND OF A GIRL.
C
SHE'S A QUEEN OF THE COWBOYS
F
LOOK AT OLD WILLARD GRINNING NOW, BOYS
C
YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT THERE'S LESS FOOLS IN THIS WORLD
F
HILL COUNTRY, HONKY-TONKIN' RITA BALLOU
G
EVERY BEER JOINT IN TOWN HAS PLAYED A FOOL FOR YOU.
F
BACK SLIDIN', BARREL RIDIN' RITA BALLOU
G
AIN'T A COWBOY IN TEXAS WOULD NOT RIDE A BULL FOR YOU.
C F G C F G C

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GOOD LUCK WILLARD, AND HERE'S TO YA
  AM G
AND HERE'S TO RITA, I HOPE SHE'LL DO YA RIGHT ALL NIGHT
  C
BUT I WISH I WAS A FOOL IN YOUR SHOES

F C
HILL COUNTRY, HONKY-TONKN' RITA BALLOU

G
EVERY BEER JOINT IN TOWN HAS PLAYED A FOOL FOR YOU.

F C
BACK SLIDIN', BARREL RIDIN' RITA BALLOU

G C
AIN'T A COWBOY IN TEXAS WOULD NOT RIDE A BULL FOR YOU.

F C G C
LORD, I WISH I WAS IN TEXAS, I WOULD RIDE A BULL FOR YOU.