

MONTANA, COLORADO, NEVADA

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6 When the West was young they did - n't call 'em "cow - boys" When the

11 West was young they spoke the Span - ish tongue. They

16 called 'em "va - que - ros" and they wore bo - le - ros They

21 did - n't call 'em "vests" when the West was young Mon -

25 tan - a, Col - o rad - o Nev - a - da Span - ish

29 names are on the riv - ers and the land Las

33 Ve - gas, San - ta Fe We use Span - ish ev' - ry day from that Ca -

na - di - an bor - der to the old Ri - o Grande

Chorus: CHORUS

2. If you ever used a lasso to rope a palomino
In a chapparal canyon where coyotes call
If you didn't have a little Spanish in your language
Well, you wouldn't understand what we're singing at all. CHORUS

3. If the mustangs stampede and you have to corral them
If you slap a mosquito, or wear a bandoleer
If you show off your skill at a rodeo on a bronco
You already savvy Spanish cause it's right at home out here. CHORUS

4. If you tell me desperados are camped behind the mesa,
While a puma lurks above them in an old piñon tree
Staring at their burros who are grazing on alfalfa
You may think you're talking English but it's español to me. CHORUS