

## Rocky The Cowboy

Fred Eaglesmith

Rocky, I'm writing you this letter  
I'm in the Sunset Home  
My grandkids went and put me here  
They got everything I own  
I know you're out in Albuquerque  
I saw Freddie just last week  
He said your eyesight's failing you  
And your mouth's too sore to speak  
Rocky, I've been thinking lately  
How we never got along  
How mostly I was right  
And sometimes I was wrong  
Remember that horse we bought in Tulsa  
It was afraid of the startin' gun  
You'd fill his ears full of cotton  
And all the money that we won  
Rocky, you sure were a good cowboy  
You did sure could rope and ride  
I always told you not to chew that goddamned tobacco  
You coulda listened just one time  
They don't show many Westerns on TV here  
They took away my gun  
But I still got that Western saddle  
The one we stole from Freddie's son  
Rocky, I hear that they're feeding you  
And it sure do make me sad  
I never thought in all my days  
You'd ever end up like that  
Remember that trailer in Minnesota  
That axle broke right in two  
We wired it together with four-by-fours  
And we drove the whole night through  
Rocky, you sure were a good cowboy  
You did sure could rope and ride  
I always told you not to chew that goddamned tobacco  
You coulda listened just one time  
So, Rocky, I'll just sign off now  
I've been up most of the night  
I just wanted to tell you when I heard the news  
It damned near made me cry  
Remember that gun we bought in Reno  
You shot Freddie right through the hand  
You wrapped it up in your best Western shirt  
Gave him all the money you had  
Rocky, you sure were a good cowboy  
You did sure could rope and ride  
I always told you not to chew that goddamned tobacco  
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