

# Nolan Ryan

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Well, our story starts in Texas, where he's tempered by the heat  
That skinny Alvin boy believes his fastball can't be heat  
So he brings it and he brings it and it passes every test  
They're talkin' he's a wild man might be the fastest in the West

Well, he's drafted by New York, he's gonna pitch up there in Shea  
With those amazing Mets, he'll help them take it all the way  
He gets a World Series ring, he stays modest, he don't boast  
Now it's off to California, where he'll make history on the coast

Nolan Ryan, he's a hero to us all  
Nolan Ryan, he stands straight, he stands tall  
He don't mess around boys  
He just throws a mean fast ball

Tom Morgan is the angel, gets Nolan in second gear  
Then he pitches four no-hitters in about as many years  
He's working for Gene Autry, they're calling him the Ryan Express  
He throws one ball a hundred, now he's the fastest in the West

But after eight years on the left coast,  
He says he wants to come home  
So he signs on with the Astros,  
He'll bring magic to the dome  
As he throws his fifth no-hitter,  
They're talkin' about he might be the best

In Texas people know, he's the fastest in the West

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Now he's a Texas Ranger, but he don't tote no gun  
He'll mow you down with the heater, you smell leather, hear it hum  
He throws a sixth no-hitter, the Oakland A's just met Big Tex

Now they're gonna judge all the rest,  
Boys, against the fastest in the West

Now let's count up some numbers, he's forty-three years of age  
He's got 5200 strike-outs, six no-hitters to date  
There's 57 shut-outs, right up against 300 wins  
And on the very first ballot, the Hall of Fame's gotta take him in

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