

# Who's Gene Autry?

Johnny Cash

Whoopi tai ai oh, rockin' to and fro  
Back in the saddle again

My little boy said, "Daddy, who's Gene Autry?"  
His old movie was comin' on TV  
And I said, "Let me tell you about him, son"  
And I took him upon my knee

"Why, when I was a little boy about your size  
And just about every Saturday night  
When I could scrape up a dime for the movies  
And when my Daddy said alright"

"I'd be right downtown at the picture show  
Like everybody else that could  
To see a handsome man  
On a big fine stallion goin' about, doin' good"

Singin', "Whoopi tai ai oh, rockin' to and fro  
Put him back in the saddle again  
Whoopi tai ai yeh, let him go on his way  
Back in the saddle again"

"Well, he could ride his horse and play his guitar  
And sing all at the same time  
And I was ridin' right along there beside him  
On that broomstick pony of mine"

"And you know his pistol never ran out of bullets  
When the bad guys had to be stopped  
And somehow his bullets never drew any blood  
But the bad guys dropped when he shot"

"Yeah, old Gene was an image of justice  
And goodness and purity  
And in the eyes of a poor, little country boy  
He made the world look better to me"

Singin', "Whoopi tai ai oh, rockin' to and fro  
Put him back in the saddle again  
Whoopi tai ai yeh, let him go on his way  
Back in the saddle again"

"And you know the way  
He rescued the rancher's daughter  
He'd sent a thrill right up the aisle  
And the endin' would always send us home  
With a good victorious smile"

"Now you ask me, 'Who's Gene Autry?'  
Well, son, go ahead and watch the show  
And then ride off into the sunset with him  
Like I did forty years ago"

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Back in the saddle again"