

Don't Fence Me In

Louis Armstrong

Wildcat Kelley, looking mighty pale
Was standing by the Sheriff's side
And when the Sheriff said, "I'm sending you to jail
Wildcat raised his head and cried

Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above
Don't fence me in
Let me ride through the wide open country that I love
Don't fence me in

Let me be by myself in the evening breeze
Listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees
Send me off forever but I ask you please
Don't fence me in

Just turn me loose, let me straddle my old saddle
Underneath the Western skies
On my Cayuse, let me wander over yonder
Till I see the mountains rise

I want to ride to the ridge where the West commences
Gaze at the moon till I lose my senses
Can't look at hobbles and I can't stand fences
Don't fence me in

Wildcat Kelley, back again in town
Was sitting by his sweetheart's side
And when his sweetheart said, "Come on, let's settle down"
Wildcat raised his head and cried

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