

## Cowboy

Van Dyke Parks

Paniolo cowboy in a field of sugar cane  
Once there was a forest where they hid there in the rain  
Cowboy bowboy cowboy  
Wanderin wahine under locks of raven hair  
Beads of inspiration  
Hoping he would not forget just where  
Heyup cowboy

Up above the canopy in the highest branches of a tree  
He would take her longingly and say One day you'll belong to me

I forgot to mention it was nineteen forty-one  
Zeros kept a-comin like to blanket out the sun  
Cowboy cowboy

So they lay suspended dreaming of some kind of god  
With their limbs akimbo and extended to the mind of God  
Cowboy

And the night without regret says it's time to let your hair do  
wn low  
There they lay in silhouette he would say I'd stay yet have to  
go

King Kamehameha met with Captain Cook uopn the shore  
Lookin at all the cattle asked him  
What the hell are all these for?  
Cowboy cowboy cowboy  
Gone now is the forest and the lovers of the trees  
Now there is a chorus playing golf who say in Japanese  
Kau-boi