

## Streets of Laredo

Willie Nelson

As I walked out in the streets of Laredo  
As I walked out in Laredo one day  
I spied a young cowboy, all wrapped in white linen  
Wrapped in white linen, as cold as the clay

I see by your outfit that you are a cowboy  
These words he did speak as I slowly walked by  
Come sit here beside me and hear my sad story  
For I'm a young cowboy and know I must die

So, beat the drum slowly and play the fife lowly  
Sing the Death March as you carry me along  
Take me to the valley, there lay the sod o'er me  
For I'm a young cowboy and I know I've done wrong

Once in the saddle I used to go dashing  
Once in the saddle I used to go gay  
First to the cardhouse and then down to Rosy's  
But I'm shot in the breast and I'm dyin' today

Bring six tall young cowboys to carry my casket,  
Six pretty maids for to sing me a song  
Take me to green valleys, there lay the sod o'er me  
For I'm a young cowboy and I know I've done wrong

Fetch me some water, a cool cup of water  
To cool my parched lips, then the poor cowboy said  
Before I returned, his spirit had left him  
Had gone to his Maker, the cowboy was dead.

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