

The Zebra Dun

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We were camped on the bend at the head of the Cimar ron,
When along came a stranger,
and he stopped to argue some,
Well, he looked so very foolish we began to look around,

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We thought he was a greenhorn, just escaped from town.

He said he'd lost his job upon the Santa Fe,
And was going cross the prairie to strike the 7D,
He didn't say how come it, some trouble with the boss,
And asked if he could borrow, a fat, saddle horse.

This tickled all the boys to death,
they laughed right up their sleeves,
Oh, we will lend you a fine horse,
as fresh and fast as you please,
Then Shorty grabbed the lariat,
and he roped the Zebra Dun,
And he gave him to the stranger, and waited for the fun.

Now old Dunny was an outlaw, he had grown so very wild,
But he could paw the moon down,
boys he could jump a mile,
Old Dunny stood right still, as if he didn't know,
Until he was saddled, and ready for to go.

When the stranger hit the saddle,
well old Dunny quit the earth,
He travelled right straight upwards
for all that he was worth,

A-bucking and a-squealing, and a-having wall-eyed fits,
His hind feet perpendicular, his front feet in the bits.

We could see the tops of the mountains
under Dunny's every jump,
The stranger he was glued there, like the camel's hump,
The stranger sat upon him,
and he curled his black mustache,
Just like a summer boarder who was waiting for his hash.

Well, he thrumped him in the shoulders,
and he spurred him when he whirled,
He hollered to the punchers, I'm the wolf of the world,
And when he had dismounted once more upon the ground,
We knew he was a thoroughbred,
and not a gent from town.

Now the boss who was a-standing round,
a-watching of the show,
He walked up to the stranger, and he said he needn't go,
If you can handle a lariat, like you rode the Zebra Dun,
You're the man that I've been been looking for,
since the year of one.

Well, there's one thing, and a sure thing,
I've learned since I've been born,
That every educated feller, ain't a plumb greenhorn.

