

Home On the Range

Written as a poem by Dr. Brewster M. Higley in the early 1870s and originally published in a December 1873 issue of the Smith County Pioneer. The music was written by a friend of Higley's named Daniel E. Kelly. The song was picked up by settlers, cowboys, and others and spread across the USA. Home on the Range is the state song of Kansas.

(G) Oh give me a home where the (C) buffalo roam
And the (G) deer and the (A7) antelope (D7) play
Where (G) seldom is heard a dis (C) couraging word
And the (G) skies are not (D7) cloudy all (G) day

Home, (D7) home on the (G) range
Where the deer and the (A7) antelope (D7) play
Where (G) seldom is heard a dis (C) couraging word
And the (G) skies are not (D7) cloudy all (G) day

Oh give me a land where the (C) bright diamond sand
Flows (G) leisurely (A7) down the (D7) stream
Where the (G) graceful white swan goes (C) gliding along
Like a (G) maid in a (D7) heavenly (G) dream

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Where the air is so pure and the (C) zephyrs so free
The (G) breezes so (A7) balmy and (D7) bright
That I (G) would not exchange my (C) home on the range
for (G) all the (D7) cities so (G) bright

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How often at night when the (C) heavens are bright
with the (G) light of the (A7) glittering (D7) stars
Have I (G) stood there amazed and (C) asked as I gazed
If their (G) glory ex (D7) ceeds that of (G) ours

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