

## 1990's Cowboy

Now there's a modern cowboy.  
Lots of things have changed.  
His horses have been traded  
Rides four-wheelers across the range.

Checks his cattle from a pick-up  
With heated or airconditioned ease.  
No hat or high heeled boots  
But a ball cap and a pair of Nikes.

He writes his poetry on a computer  
No longer over a saddle horn.  
Hurt worse by the last election  
Than a horse in moldy corn.

The Indians are on their reservations  
The Buffalos at Ted Turner's place  
'Cept at Nashville, rodeos, or symposiums,  
Real cowboys ain't got no space.

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