

The Cowboy Art

(Written 10/94 During Fall Shipping)

Can't tell a real one by first impression
Gotta watch, See past his smile.
Need to listen awhile to what he knows
Look for the cowboy in his eyes.

The real cowboy is in the culture
Eventually soaks through the man.
Rearranges the way he looks at life.
Real cowboy is real within.

There are some that are cowboys only when its easy.
Their heart's not really in the land,
Nor horses, cows, traditions, or style
Only money and the applause of men.

The Code is more than comfort.
Honesty's more important than a smile.
Authentic is better than silver or gold
A pattern that might save your life.

It's not just a way of getting the job finished
Not just how fast, but with class, it's a style.
These lessons can't be hammered in overnight,
'Cuz passin' the tests takes awhile.

(this poem was in such a hurry to get written it didn't stay in the oven long enuf to come out rhyming, so the meter is correct. Notice that lines 1 & 3 of each stanza have 4 counts. Lines 2 & 4 have three counts have three counts. Line 1 of each stanza has a feminine ending, while the rest have a masculine ending. Maybe It will rhyme next time. (sorry, Red)