Old Kermit Cowboys

[Key of B]

For my Father

B

Verse 1 Put away those bottles, run the broom once more,

B

We've got a few more shelves to stock, before we close the store,

B C

I know your pony's getting hungry, just another chore,

E

Then you can ride him 'til the sun goes down.

B

Verse 2 Where'd you learn to do those tricks, and things you do?

B

Cowboys in the movies ain't got nothin' on you.

B

Yes, you can ride him out to Haley's after school,

E

If your Bud'll mind the store one afternoon.

E B

Chorus 1 Old Kermit cowboys tellin' stories on the front porch,

E B

Ain't the best in life who stands by your side?

E B

Riding trick ponies with my friend, John Haley,

C#m B

Ain't the best in life the horses we ride,

C#m B

Ain't the best in life the horses we ride?

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In loving memory of Borden W. Clifton

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B
Verse 3 Ah, Daddy, twinkling eyes so blue,
B
Now your mind's grown cloudy, but the love shines through,
B
How you loved to tell those stories and the things you knew
E
From your wrangling in those cowboy days.

B
Verse 4 Now you've come to lay your chaps and lariat down,
B
You've saddled up your pony toward another town,
B
John sends flowers, he's too old to drive
E
Up from Kermit for the funeral now.

E B
Chorus 2 Old Kermit cowboys tellin' stories on the front porch,
E B
Ain't the best in life who stands by your side?
E B
Rounding up the cattle with old John and Gene Haley,
C#m B
Ain't the best in life the horses we ride,
C#m B
Ain't the best in life who rides by your side?

C#m B
Bridge Let it be said, above all else, you were always such a kind and decent man.
C#m B
And you loved the Lord above all else, and your family far above yourself,
C#m B
And these few short years of your failing health, I only tried to give the care
A F#/A#
That I knew you would give for me.

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E B
Chorus 3 Old Kermit cowboys tellin' stories on the front porch,
E B
Ain't the best in life who stands by your side?
E B
A few short years a cowboy, fifty years a loving husband,
C#m B
Is the best in life the horses we ride,
C#m B
Ain't the best in life who rides by your side?

C#m
Bridge 2 Ah, Granddad, I never knew you that well,
B
But from you I never heard a discouraging word.
C#m B
And I know if I become half the man, receive half the love,
B C#m
Give only half the love, love my God with only half your heart,
B A F#/A#
And lead half the life you did, I would be eternally happy.

E B
Chorus 4 Old Kermit cowboys tellin' stories on the front porch,
E B
Ain't the best in life who stands by your side?
E B
Riding toward the paddock with my friend, the Lord Jesus,
C#m B
||: **3x** Is the best in life the horses we ride,
C#m B B
Ain't the best in life who rides by your side? :||

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