

Cowboy Dream

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it was break-up and crocus that hid
their velvet from us in the april snow jump
out of the melt in purple
him and the mustang rode off
jangled up the coulee
rigged out fancy and dropseed fountains
greened up through their winter buckskins
him waving that brand new stetson
just like a hopalong
so long you fellers
like he'd ride forever & he
left you staring like a calf

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