

Charlie Cornbell

Chorus

G C E G
What I've been told, I will tell
G C D G
This is the story of Charlie Cornbell
G C E G
Gate-sign entrance to her home
G A B AG
said 'No Woman Here is Ever Alone'

Verse

G C E G
Overcoat and circle hat
G C D G
dressed up in her mother's clothes
G C E G
whitened face with pencil heart
G A B A G
sock stuffed boots around her toes
G C E G
Lost her folks when she was young
G C D G
Tough and strong she worked the land
G C E G
her best friend a five shot Colt
G G G
easy match for any man

Chorus

Rainy day she looked outside
nothing new, just all the same
saw it standing up so Proud
yellow-blue cornbell in the rain
Realised her hollow heart
could be turned to something good
loss was love that she had taken
fill that loss by giving love

Chorus

Women came from far around
No-one ever turned away
life or livin', wore them down
door was open night or day
filled the bath for hot bathin'
offered brushes for their hair
brought the joy back to their faces
clean warm clothes for them to wear

Chorus

Schooled the women who came her home
taught them skills to change their lives
confidence and self-respectin'
realise they're more than wives
readin', writin' and good speakin'
smithin', woodwork, farmin' too
cooking, trappin' and gun shootin'
all the skills to see them through

Chorus

Cornbell wagon came to town
Quiet came to where they tread
Well behaved and perfect manner
Every word polite was said
Folks were feared and some hated
Everybody took a stance
but none could ever doubt the good
of Cornbell Women of Cornbell Ranch

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