

Ragtime Cowboy Joe

Level 3

This popular hit has been recorded by a range of artists from Sons of the Pioneers to Dan Hicks to Alvin and the Chipmunks (who had a Billboard Top-20 hit with the song!). With fun lyrics and a catchy tune it's no wonder why the popularity of *Ragtime Cowboy Joe* has endured for over a century.

With a swing

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Out in A - ri - zo - na where the bad men are, And the
on - ly friend to guide you is an Eve - 'ning star, The
rough - est tough - est man by far is Rag - time Cow - boy
Joe. Got his name from sing - ing to the
cows and sheep Ev - 'ry night they say he sings the
herd to sleep In a bass - o rich and deep
Croon - ing soft and low. He al - ways sings rag - gy

Chorus:

Chords: F, Fdim⁷, D⁷, G⁷, C⁷, F, Dm, G⁷, C⁷, F, C⁷, D⁷, C⁷, Cdim⁷, C⁷, A⁷, D⁷, G⁷, C⁷, F, Fdim⁷, F, Dm, E⁷, A⁷, C⁷, F

Ragtime Cowboy Joe (cont'd)

18 G⁷

mu-sic to his cat-tle as he swings back and for-ward in the sad-dle On a

21 C⁷ F Dm

horse that is syn-co-pa-ted gai-ted And there's such a fun-ny me-tre to the

24 G⁷ C⁷ F

roar of his re-pea-ter How they run when they hear that fel-la's gun be-cause the

27 G⁷ B^b

West-ern folks all know. He's a high-fa-lu-tin' scoot-in' shoot-tin'

30 3 G⁷ C⁷ F

son of a gun from A-ri-zo-na, Rag-time Cow-boy Joe.

LEARNING GUIDE:

Focus On: ✓ Singing ✓ Diminished 7 chords

Notice the two diminished 7 chords in this piece: Fdim7 and Cdim7. Diminished 7 chords are indicated using the symbol "dim7" or "°7."

Note that Fdim7 and Cdim7 are identical except that Cdim7 is one fret higher. In fact, *all* diminished 7 chords on the ukulele can be played using the same chord "shape."

Diminished 7 chords have another quirky property: they can be named for *any* one of their four notes. In other words, Fdim7 could also be called Bdim7, Ddim7 or A^bdim7!

