

# Night Rider's Lament

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## Verse 1:

D G  
 While I was out - a ridin'  
 D A7  
 graveyard shift, midnight 'till dawn  
 G D  
 The moon was as bright as a readin' light  
 A7 D  
 For a letter - from an old friend back home

## Chorus 1:

D7  
 He asked me  
 G A7 D  
 why do you ride for your money  
 G A7 D  
 Why do you rope for short pay  
 G A7  
 You ain't getting' nowhere  
 D G Gma7 Em  
 And you're losin' your sha-a-are  
 A7 D  
 You must have gone crazy out there

## Verse 2:

D G  
 He tells me last night I run onto Jenny  
 D A7  
 She's married and has a good life  
 G  
 You sure missed the track  
 D  
 when you never come back  
 A7 D  
 She's a perfect professional's wife

## Rpt. Chorus 1

### Chorus 2:

D7  
 But they ain't  
 G A7 D  
 never seen the Northern Lights  
 G A7 D  
 Never seen a hawk on the wing  
 G A7  
 Never seen Spring  
 D G Gmaj7 Em  
 hit the Great Divi-i-ide  
 A7 D  
 And never heard Camp Cookie sing

## Verse 3:

D G  
 Well I read up the last of that letter  
 D A7  
 and tore off the stamp for Black Jim  
 G D  
 When Billy rode up to relieve me  
 A7 D  
 he just looked at my letter and grinned

Rpt. Chorus 1 & 2 then yodelling chorus to finish!

