

Night Riders Lament

Tab Chords And Lyrics

By Jerry Jeff Walker

Intro -- D

D G D A7
While I was out - a ridin' - 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
D7 G A7 D
He asked me - why do you ride for your money
G A7 D
Why do you rope for short pay
G A7 D G D/Gb Em
You ain't getting' nowhere And you're losin' your share
A7 D
You must have gone crazy out there

G D A7
He tells me last night I run onto Jenny - she's married and has a good life
G D
Ah, you sure missed the track - when you never come back
A7 D
She's a perfect - professional's wife
D7 G A7 D
She asked him - why does he ride for his money
G A7 D
Why does he rope for short pay
G A7 D G D/Gb Em
He ain't getting' nowhere and he's losin' his share
A7 D
He must have gone crazy out there

D7 G A7 D
But they ain't never seen the Northern Lights
 G A7 D
Never seen a hawk on the wing
 G A7 D G D/Gb Em
Never seen Spring hit the Great Divide
 A7 D
And never heard Ol' Camp Cookie sing

BREAK - G-A7-D-G-A7-D-G-A7-D-G-D/Gb-Em-A7-D

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

 D7 G A7 D
He said you know I wonder- why do they ride for their money
G A7 D
Why do they rope for short pay
 G A7 D G D/Gb Em
They ain't getting' nowhere and they're losin' their share
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They must have gone crazy out there

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Cause they ain't never seen the Northern Lights
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BREAK - G-A7-D-G-A7-D-G-A7-D-G-D/Gb-Em-A7-D