

FOUR RODE BY

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Key: C **Start Note:** C **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** d_ du d_ du**Intro:** C /// G /// F /// C ///

F **G** **F** **G**
Four rode by..... Rode through here
 C **F / G7 / C** **C**

Three McLean boys and that wild Alex Hare
F **G7** **F** **G7**
They were armed..... All were armed
 C **F** / **G7 / C** **C**
It was them, and I'd have known them anywhere

C **G** **F** **C**
Oh, Willie Palmer's stallion was no twenty dollar cayuse
C **G** **F** **C**
And when the wild ones stole him he hightailed it into town
C **G** **F** **C**
Usher in those days was keeping order in the district
C **G** **F** **C** **C**
But before he'd ridden thirty miles the McLean boys shot him down

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C **G** **F** **C**
A shepherd known as Kelly saw the wild bunch as they passed
C **G** **F** **C** **C**
They shot him with a rifle and took his watch and chain
C **G** **F** **C**
When the posse found them they were in the lonely cabin
C **G** **F** **C** **C**
A hunger took their fight away and no one else was slain

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C G F C
 They hung the boys in January eighteen eighty-one
 C G F C C
 The first time in that province that they'd strung up brothers three
 C G F C
 And the son killed nineteen Germans 'cross the seas back in seventeen
 C G F C C
 One thing that's for damned sure they're a wild old family

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Outro: C /// G /// F /// C↓