Country and Western Tonal Music

for Western guitar
tuned DADGAD

William D Clinger
Opus 2
Performance Notes.

This music was written for Western (steel-string) guitar tuned DADGAD.

Performers are encouraged to narrate the textual theme of each movement before playing it. "Dogies" rhymes with "Hoagies", and is 19th century cowboy slang for cattle.

The first and third movements are straight medleys of traditional songs, and the fourth movement consists of variations on a traditional song. The textual themes of these movements are from the traditional lyrics. The second movement is based on original themes inspired by David Allan Coe. Its textual theme paraphrases the first line from one of his songs.

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Long Time Begging

I am a little beggar, and a beggar I have been
For three score years on this isle of green.

Long Time Traveling

The Little Beggarman

Arranged by William D Clinger
In the west, it is said, stuffed tortillas soar above the progeny of dinosaurs.

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The Trouble They Give Us

Some of the boys go up the trail for pleasure,
But that’s where they get it most awfully wrong,
For you have no idea the trouble they give us
When we go drivin’ them dogies along.

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Wake Up, Jacob

Get Along, Little Dogies

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The Railroad Corral
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Ten Dollar Horse, Forty Dollar Saddle

A heifer went loco, and the boss said "Kill it!"
So I shot it in the arse with a long-handled skillet.

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