

HEART OF THE APPALOOSA

G **D** **C** **G**
From the land of Shooting Waters to the peaks of the Kernelange

D **G** **D**
Thimble berries in the forest, elk grazing on the plain

G **D** **C** **G**
The People of the Coyote made their camp along the streams

C **G** **C** **D** **G**
Of the green Walawa valley when fences had no name

D **C** **G**
And they bred a strain of horses, the treasure of the tribe

D **C** **D**
Who could toedance on a ridge or gallop up a mountain side

G **D** **C** **G**
Who could hold a hunters burden, turn a buffalo stampede

C **G** **C** **D** **G**
The horse that wore the spotted coat was born of matchless speed

CHORUS

C **G** **C** **D** **D** **C**
Bm D

Thunder Rolling in the mountain, lead the people across the great divide

G **C** **G**
There's blood on the snow in the hills of Idaho

C **D** **G** **G** **C** **G** **Am** **Em** **D** x 2
But the heart of the Appaloosa never died

G **D** **C** **G**
In the winter came the Crowned ones near frozen in the cold

D **G** **D**
Bringing firearms and spyglasses and a book that saves the soul

G **D** **C** **G**
The People gave them welcome, nursed them till their strength returned

C **G** **C** **D** **G**
And studied the talking paper, its mysteries to learn

D **C** **G**
In the shadow of the mission sprang up farms and squatter towns

D **C** **D**
The plain was lined with fences, the plough blades split the ground

G **D** **C** **G**
In the shallows of the Clearwater, gold glittered in the pan

C **G** **C** **D** **G**
And word would come from Washington, remove the Indian

CHORUS

G **D** **C** **G**
The Chief spoke to the People in his anger and his pain

D **G** **D**

I am no more Chief Joseph, Rolling Thunder is my name

G D C G

They condemn us to a wasted land of barren soil and stone

C G C D G

We shall fight them if we must, but we will find another home

D C G

They fled into the bitter roots an army at their heels

D C D

They fought at White Bird canyon, they fought at Misery hill

G D C G

Till the Colonel saw his strategy and sent the order down

C G C D G

To kill the Appaloosa where ever it be found.

CHORUS

G D C G

Twelve hundred miles retreated three times over the divide

D G D

The horse their only safety, their only ally

G D C G C G C D G

3000 Appaloosa perished with the tribe, People and the horses died side by side

D C G

Thunder Rolling in the mountains said my heart is sick and sad

D C D

The children now are freezing, the old Chiefs are dead

G D C G

The hunger takes our spirit our wounds are deep and sore

C G C D G

From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more

CHORUS

G D C G

They were sent to Oklahoma, malaria ran rife

D G D

More died of broken hearts far from the land that gave them life

G D C G

And the man once called Joseph, at death was heard to say,

C G C D G

We have given up our horses, they have gone away.

D C G

But sometimes without warning from a dull domestic herd

D C D

A spotted horse with spirit, wondrous will emerge

G D C G

Strong it is, and fearless, and nimble on a hill

C G C D G

Listening for Thunder the Appaloosa's living still **CHORUS X2**

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