## The Valley of Life, Where a Cowboy's King by William B. May

Here beneath the mountain skies, Is where the broad Elk Valley lies. Where the gentle breeze of springtimes sighs, When the winter turns to spring.

In the mountain valley of life, where a cowboy's king. The snows of winter have gone away, The summer green is here to stay. The birds from the south have come this way,

Looking for nests and a song to sing.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king. It's time for life to begin anew, Here beneath the skies so blue. Where nature's program so tried and true,

Shows us that this is where songs begin.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king. The song of the brooklet, as it starts to grow, When it springs from a bank of melting snow, And starts its journey to the land below, Over the rocks, with a merry ring.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king. The gentle rustle of new green leaves, The chirp of a cricket beneath the trees, The song of the frog and the hum of bees, All tell of the pleasures that springtimes bring.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king, A song of love, and a song of pain, A song of softly falling rain, Sometimes a song of work and strain, All a part of nature, as she does her thing.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king, A cry of anguish as a mare gives birth, And delivers her foal to the new green earth. Then she nuzzles her babe for all her worth, 'Til it stirs and breathes as it starts life's fling.

In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king. While the eagle soars in the sky above, And hears the coo of the mourning dove, Which echoes the sounds of the mother's love. As a cow nurses her calf far below his wing.

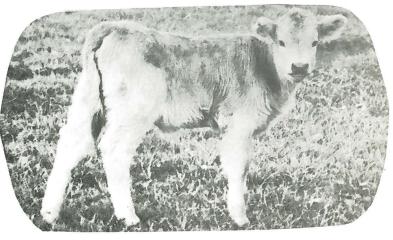
In the valley of life, where a cowboy's king. And here in the valley so long and wide, A cowboy's heart is filled with pride, And the joy he feels he cannot hide, So he sings of life and nature and his work akin.

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