

(Ghost)
RIDERS IN THE SKY
 (A Cowboy Legend)

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Driving and mysterious (♩ = 116-120)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. The first system is a piano introduction with a *mf* dynamic, featuring a bass line and a treble line with chords. The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The third system introduces the vocal melody with lyrics: "old cow - poke went rid - in' out one dark and wind - y day. (2.) horns are black and shin - y and their hooves are made of steel." The fourth system continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "Up - on a ridge - he rest - ed as - he Their brands were still - on fi - re and - their".

Chord diagrams are provided for Em, Em7, Em6, Am, and G.

rode a - long — his way. When all at once a might - y herd — of
 hot breath he — could feel. A bolt of fear shot through him as — they

red - eyed cows he saw for a - plow - ing through the rag - ged sky —
 thun - dered through the sky, for he saw the Rid - ers com - in' hard —

and up a cloud - y draw. }
 and he heard their mourn - ful cry: }

Cues: optional harmony G

Yip - pee yie aye, — yip - pie yie

Em C

oh, _____ ghost { herd (rid - ers) }

Am Em Em7 Em6

in the sky. 2. Their

2 Em Em/B Am Em/G Bm/F# Em

sky. 3. Their fac - es gaunt, their eyes _ are blurred, their

G Em

shirts all soaked with sweat. They're rid - in' hard to catch _ that herd, but they ain't caught 'em yet. _ 'Cause they've

got to ride — for - ev - er on that range up in the sky on hors - es snort - in' fi - re.

C

As they ride on hear 'em — cry: Yip pee yie

Am Em

aye, — yip-pie yie oh, —

G Em

ghost rid - ers in the sky.

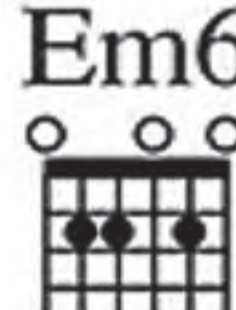
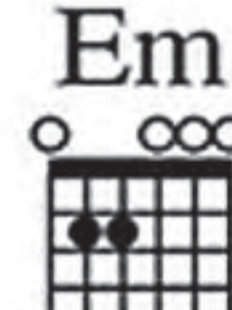

C Am Em

N.C.

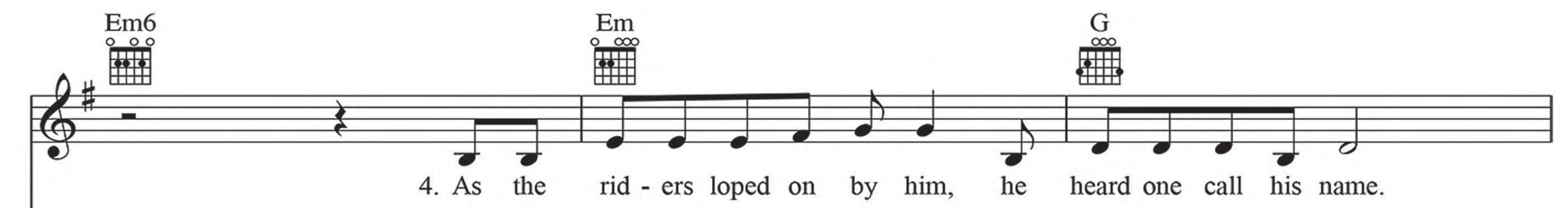
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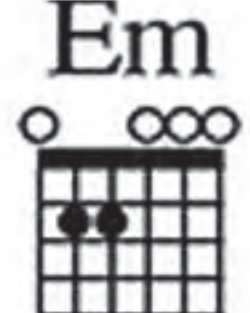
Em  Em7 

Em6  Em  G 

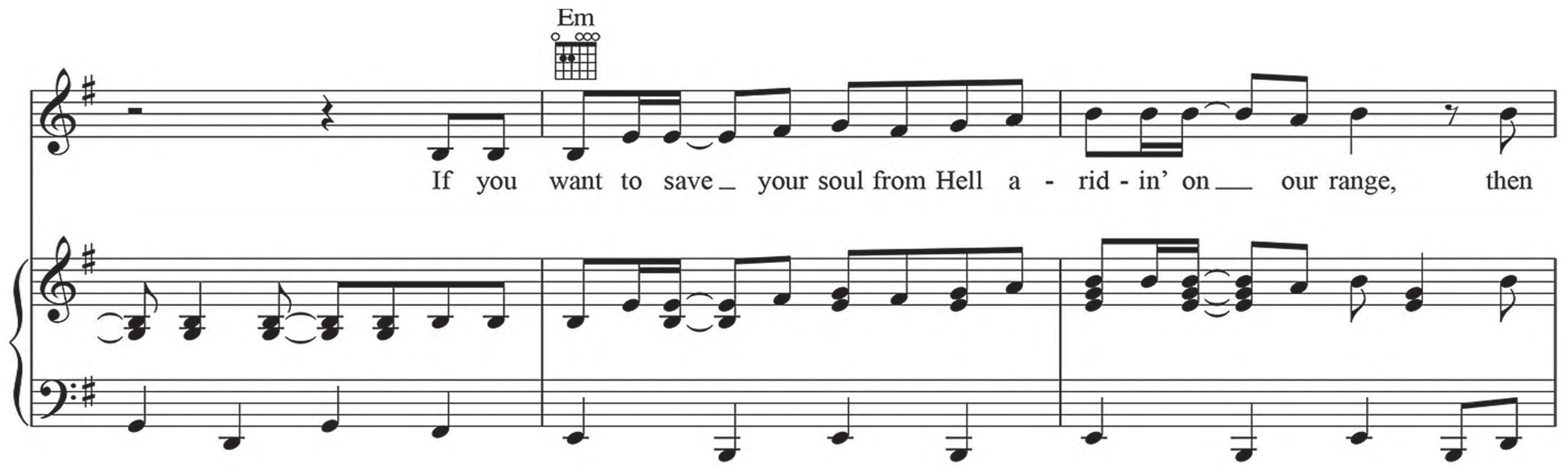
4. As the rid - ers loped on by him, he heard one call his name.



Em



If you want to save your soul from Hell a - rid - in' on our range, then




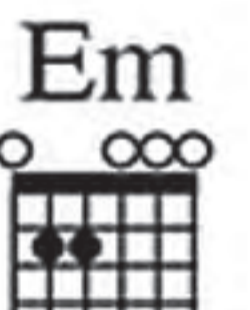
C



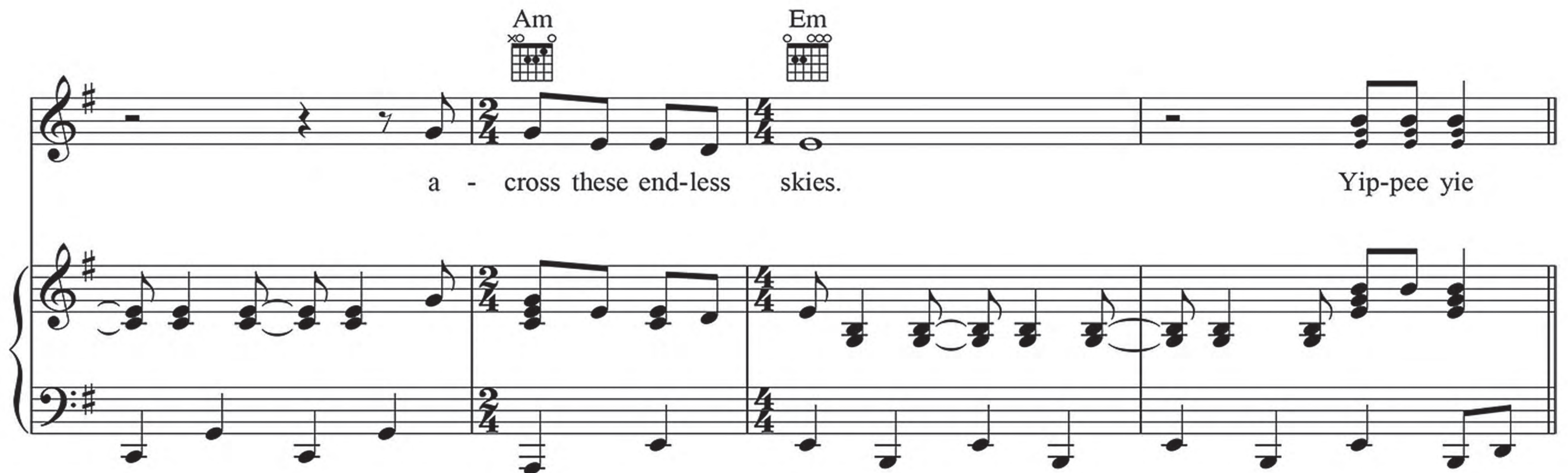
cow-boy change your ways to-day or with us you will ride, try'n' to catch the Dev-il's herd,




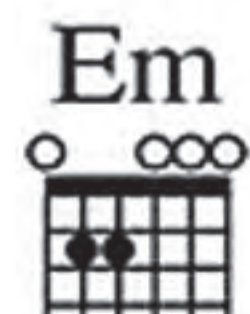
Am Em

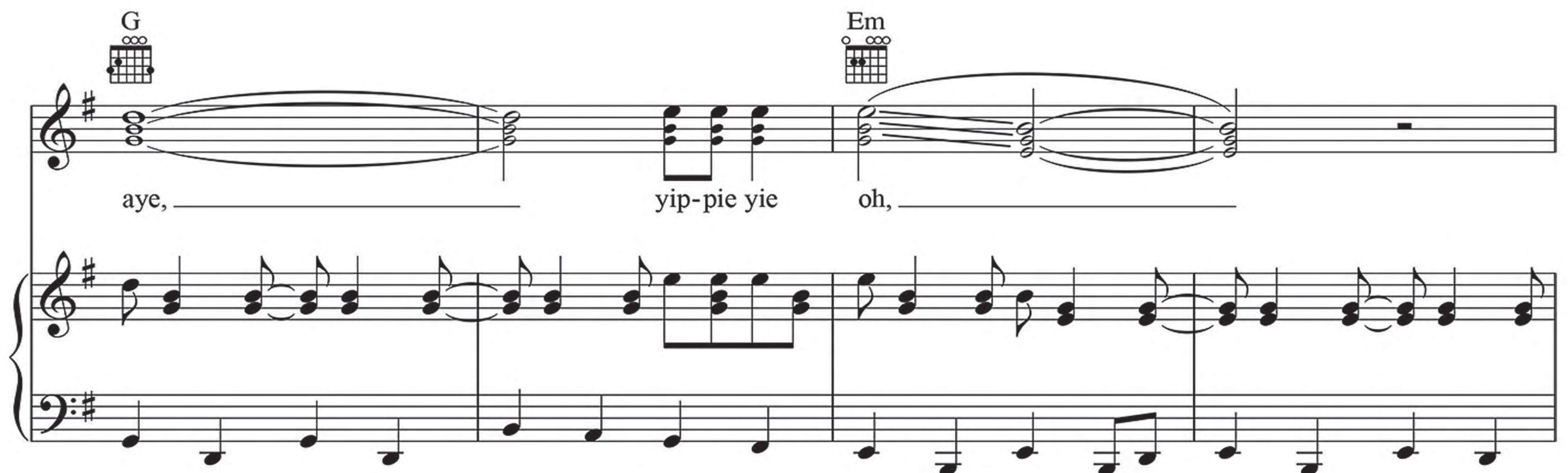
a - cross these end-less skies. Yip-pee yie



G Em

aye, yip-pie yie oh,



Chord diagrams: C, Am, Em

ghost rid - ers in the sky. Yip-pie yie

Chord diagrams: G, Em

aye, yip - pie yie oh,

Chord diagrams: C, G

ghost rid - ers in the sky.

Chord diagrams: Em, Em6

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