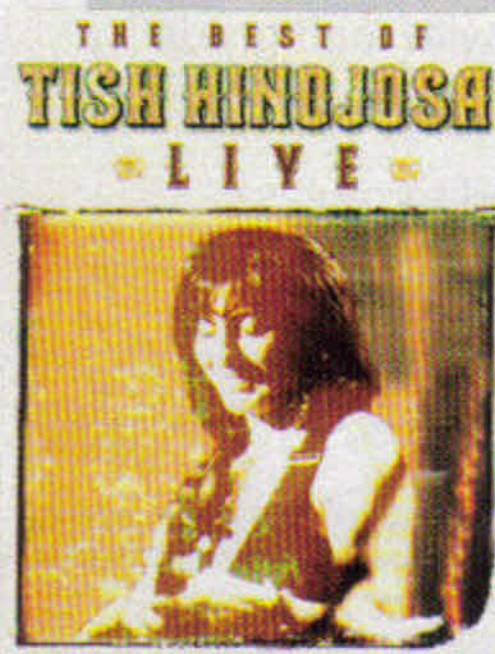


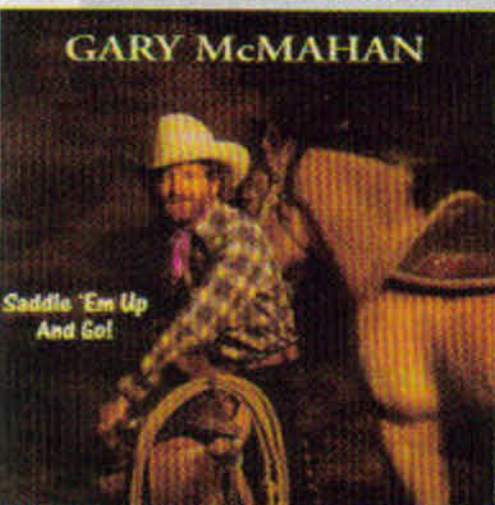
▶ **Ramblin' Jack Elliott**
 "The South Coast"
Hard Travelin': Songs by Woody Guthrie and Others
ramblinjack.com

This is probably the most famous version of Lillian Bos Ross' story-song of vaquero Lonjano de Castro and the tragic tale of the wife he won in a card game. (See last month's "Out West" for more on this song.)



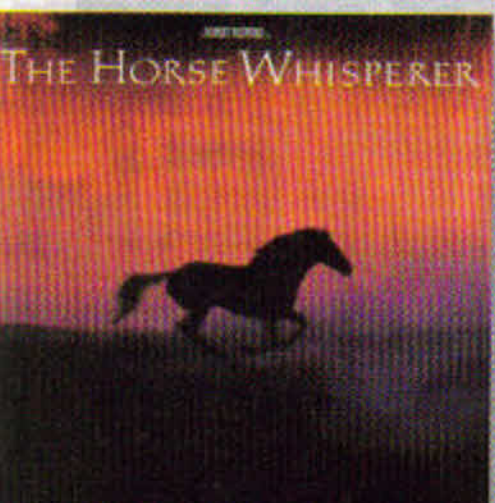
▶ **Tish Hinojosa**
 "In the Real West"
The Best of Tish Hinojosa Live
mundotish.com

Hinojosa's ode to the cowboy life is made even better by her incredible voice. Singing both in English and Spanish, her albums offer cultural diversity.



▶ **Gary McMahon**
 "The Old Double Diamond"
Saddle 'Em Up and Go!
singingcowboy.com

This sad, yet hopeful ballad is about changing luck and lives in the West. "Now she's sellin' out, I'm movin' on, but I'm leavin' with more than I came." It just about says it all.



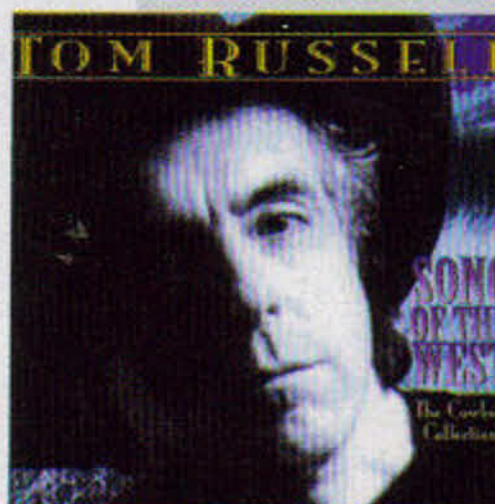
▶ **Allison Moorer**
 "A Soft Place To Fall"
The Horse Whisperer: Songs From and Inspired by the Motion Picture
amazon.com

This 1998 album features one of the most eclectic collections of singers and songs that fit the West. Moorer's sultry ballad brings back every last dance on Saturday night.



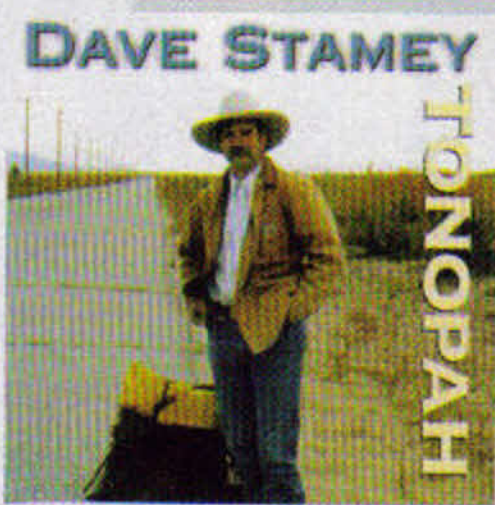
▶ **Montana Rose**
 "Don't Tell Me"
My Time
mtrosemusic.com

One of the greatest bar bands you've never heard of—unless you live in or visit Montana. This is MR's rendition of Mike Beck's timeless song of buckaroo memories.



▶ **Tom Russell**
 "The Sky Above, the Mud Below"
Song of the West
tomrussell.com

Russell's darkly lyrical song is about a couple of horsehair-braiding drifters who happen into the wrong town after having coveted the wrong horse. It's a movie in a song.



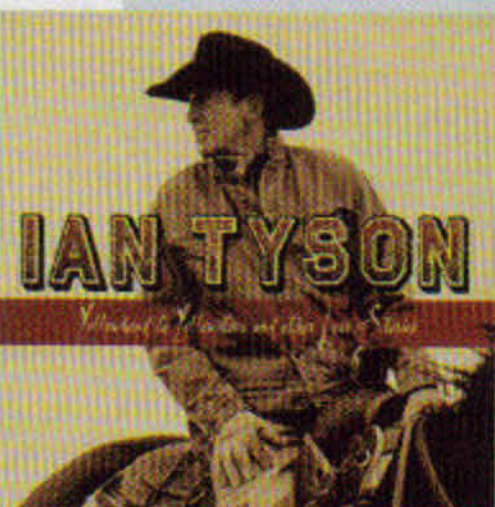
▶ **Dave Stamey**
 "The Vaquero Song"
Tonopah
davestamey.com

Stamey's classic song about the Pacific Slope vaquero offers a positive reminder that his spirit lives on today.



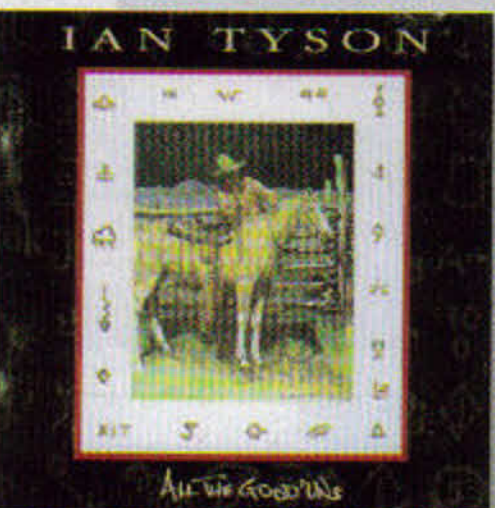
▶ **Templeton Thompson**
 "A Horse That Can Fly"
I Still Feel
templetonthompson.com

Here's a fresh new voice on the scene. "A Horse That Can Fly" is a hopeful, freeing song that aims us at the "second star to the left, then straight on till morning."



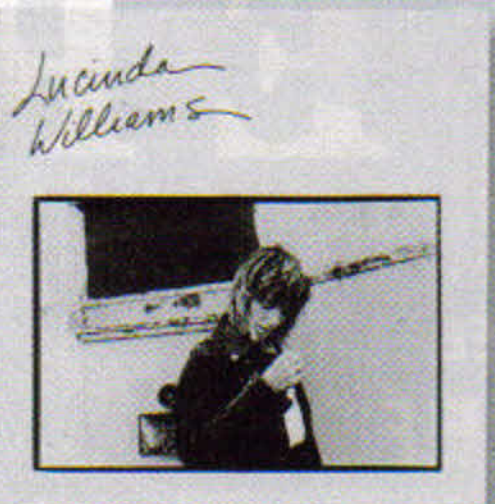
▶ **Ian Tyson**
 "Bill Kane"
Yellowhead to Yellowstone and Other Love Songs
iantyson.com

Tyson's just-released album reflects an evolution of a life in music. At 75, his voice may have changed a bit, but his writing is clear and strong.



▶ **Ian Tyson**
 "The Gift"
All the Good Uns
iantyson.com

The senior statesman of Western music's homage to Charlie Russell is one of Tyson's true classics. This album is a treasure of years of Tyson's finest writing.



▶ **Lucinda Williams**
 "The Night's Too Long"
Lucinda Williams
lucindawilliams.com

"There's a Sylvia in every cow town," says Williams of this song of a woman trying to make it in the West. 🐾