Dont Fence Me In
Cole Porter

“Don’t Fence Me In“ —“ Cole Porter
[Chords by Joan’s Genius 2008}

This is my most favorite song. The chords below are based on my 2 favorite
covers of this:
(1) a very slow & quiet blues rendition by Holly Cole &
(2) a very fast & lively cajun version by David Byrne.

* I ve revised this to include the intros (about Wildcat Kelley) that are in the
original version. Feel free
to sing it with or without these sections.

“Don’t Fence Me In“

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A               D
Wildcat Kelley, lookin mighty pale
    A                         E7
Was standing by the sheriff’s side
     A                        D
And when the sheriff said, “I’m sending you to jail“
E                         A
Wildcat raised his head and cried
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E      E7          A
  Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above
                   E
Don t fence me in
       E
Let me ride through the wide-open country that I love
E         E7        A
  Don t fence me in
           A                         A7
Oh let me be by myself in the evening breeze
D                        Dm
Listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees
A                        A7
Send me off forever, but I ask you, please
E         E7        A
  Don t fence me in
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A7               D                                        A
   Just let me loose // Let me straddle my old saddle underneath the western
skies
A7              D                                        A
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       On my cayuse //  Let me wonder over yonder till I see the mountains rise
E    E7       A                             A7
   I want to ride to the ridge where the West commences
D                              Dm            A           A7         D
  Dm
   Gaze at the moon until I lose my senses // Can t look at hobbles & I can t
stand fences
E        E7       A
  Don t fence me in


(Solo)


A               D
Wildcat Kelley, back again in town
     A                          E7
Was standin by his sweetheartâ€™s side
     A                         D
And when his sweetheart said, â€œcome on, letâ€™s settle downâ€•
E                           A
Wildcat raised his head and cried

(repeat from â€œOh give me landâ€•)


E        E7        A
  Don t fence me in!
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