

# UP THE NEBRASKA CATTLE TRAIL **AND** SONGS OF THE WEST

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In 1867 and with a surplus of cattle in Texas, cattle drives brought hundreds of thousands of cattle to Nebraska. Herds were gathered near San Antonio, Texas and driven up the Western Trail to Ogallala, Nebraska. During these four month long drives cowboys would pass the time singing about life on the trail and to calm the cattle at night. Joan Wells and Kris Simon tell about the cattle drives and the origin of western music while singing the songs of the early day cowboys.

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