

# THE APPLE-CHEEKED RIDER

*aka Ho, Young Rider*

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*Slovak*

This song refers to the Slovak mountains of what used to be Czechoslovakia. Nowadays the area is split into the Cech Republic and Slovakia. According to *The Ditty Bag*, the term *Dusha moya* means *little sweetheart*. The *Hey!* is shouted very loudly.

**Ho! young rider, Apple-cheeked one,**

**Whither riding? \***

**On your steed so black and prancing,**

**Whither riding? \***

**What matters where I ride,**

**Slovak mountains are my pride,**

**Dusha moya, dusha moya            Hey !**

**Ho! young rider, Apple-cheeked one,**

**Went a-roaming**

**On a steed so black and prancing,**

**Went a-roaming**

**What matters where I roam,**

**Slovak mountains are my home,**

**Dusha moya, dusha moya            Hey !**

\* Today this is sometimes sung as **went a-riding**