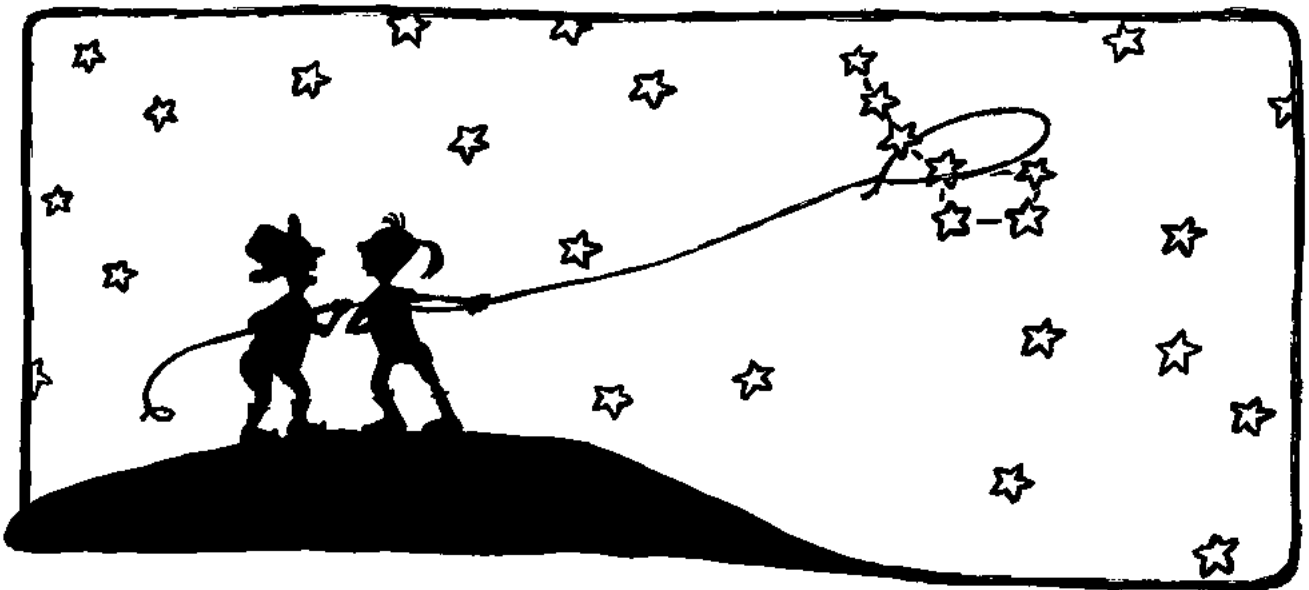


Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue

an American tall tale

adapted by Katherine Noll



Characters

- * Narrator #1
- * Narrator #2
- * Pecos Bill
- * Slue-Foot Sue
- * Cowboy #1
- * Cowboy #2
- * Cowboy #3
- * Cowgirl #1
- * Cowgirl #2

Props

- * cowboy hats
- * broomstick "horse"
- * giant cardboard catfish
- * rope



Act 1

Narrator #1: Once upon a time, long ago but not so far away, lived the best cowboy who ever roped a steer. His name was Pecos Bill, and he lived in Texas.

Narrator #2: Pecos Bill was famous in Texas and all of America for his ability to ride and rope. All of the cowboys and cowgirls wanted to be just like him. But Pecos Bill was missing one thing, and that was the perfect horse.

Cowgirl #1: Did you hear the news?

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Cowgirl #1: You know those wild horses that roam out on the prairie?

Cowboy #1: Yep, they sure are beautiful. Especially the big white one. He's called Widowmaker. Anyone who's ever tried to ride him has been thrown clear across Texas.

Cowgirl #1: That's what you think. Pecos Bill just went over there. He said he was going to tame Widowmaker and make him his horse.

Cowboy #2: I guess if anyone could tame him it would be Pecos Bill, but I don't know . . .

[Two more cowhands come running in excitedly.]



Cowboy #2: Guess what? Pecos Bill has tamed Widowmaker!

Cowgirl #2: You should have seen it! He spent all day on that horse, and Widowmaker kicked and bucked with all his strength, but Pecos Bill held on. Before the day was over, Widowmaker was as gentle as a kitten.

Cowboy #2: Well, he may have been gentle for Pecos Bill. But I don't think that horse would let anyone else ride him.

[Cowboy #3 enters.]

Cowboy #3: Here comes Pecos Bill riding Widowmaker!

[Pecos Bill enters, riding Widowmaker.]

Pecos Bill: Whoa there! Howdy, everyone!

All cowhands: Howdy, Pecos Bill!

Pecos Bill: I finally found the perfect horse. He's full of spirit and fight. *[Pats Widowmaker.]* Don't worry, old boy, I promise that I'll be the only person to ever ride you.

Narrator #1: From that day on, Pecos Bill and Widowmaker were inseparable. Pecos Bill was more famous than ever now. But he was soon going to meet his match!