

Start

MONTFORD

Everyone... listen up!

The cowboys gather around Montford, make a circle around him.

MONTFORD

There's some rustlers out there
aimin' to kill us, wanna take our
herd.

The Chickasaw and black cowboys look to him with stern eyes.

MONTFORD

You know who we are, where we came
from... you know those who came
before us. We're warriors, always
have been.

Our destiny has been to protect
what is ours. That's who we always
have been.

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No one says a word.

COWBOY

Fightin' don't scare us, sir. We
been fightin' all our lives. It's
nothing new.

Montford hides his relief as best he can.

MONTFORD

We take watch in shifts tonight,
guns loaded.

END

CHISHOLM TRAIL - DAY

Heavy winds blow dust through the dry land.

Montford covers his face with a bandana.

LATER --

Chub bundles up with thick bear fur while he drives the
wagon.