



**Smokey Bear,  
Broderick Crawford**  
1960, Radio, English

**Sons of Pioneers:** [Singing]

Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear.

**Smokey:** Hello there folks, this is Smokey, the forest fire preventin' bear. Those singin' friends of mine, The Sons of the Pioneers, have a song for ya. But first, how about joinin' us in a little visit to a big star. Today, I'm on my way to see Broderick Crawford.

[Police Sirens]

**Speaker:** The Highway Patrol dispatcher said I'd find ya here in this forest road, Chief.

**Smokey:** Uh oh, there's been a fire here.

**Broderick:** Smokey, there's no doubt about it; the fire was set by a careless smoker. I saw this little fire, stopped, and stamped it out. It started from a match or a cigarette flipped from a car window. Lots of trees get killed this way; birds and animals too. Valuable water sheds are seriously damaged. We can't afford this sort of carelessness, Smokey. Seems to me there's gotta put more emphasis on the importance of folks being careful with their matches and smokes. You know, maybe between us we can convince 'em it's better to be safe than sorry. Get more of 'em to use their heads when their driving, their ashtrays when they're smoking.

**Smokey:** You've taken the words right out of my mouth Chief, I mean Mr. Crawford. Now, suppose you relax a bit while The Sons of the Pioneers here take us on a trip along Silent Trails.

**Sons of Pioneers:** [Singing]  
Silent trails, are you lonely where you are?  
Do you ever get to yearnin' for the pioneers returnin'?  
Are the campfires still a burnin' silent trails.

Silent trails, do the cowboys sing again?  
Seems I hear the echoes ringin' on the breezes softly wingin'  
Some far distant voice a singin' silent trails.

Ooh, ooh, ooh.  
Ooh, ooh, ooh.  
Shadows swayin' seem to say never come we're here to stay  
Ooh, ooh.

Silent trails, do the cowboys ride again?  
Are the scouts ahead a guidin', are the redskins somewhere hidin'?  
Are the spirits still a ridin'  
Silent trails.



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Ooh, ooh, ooh.  
Ooh, ooh, ooh.  
Silent trails.

**Smokey:**

Well, that's it for now folks. Thanks a lot for spending this time with us. You know, it's your own State Forestry Department, along with the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and this station you're listening to that make these get-togethers possible. Until we say hello there again, and pay another little visit to another big star, this is Smokey and his pals, The Sons of the Pioneers, asking you to always remember; only you can prevent forest and woods fires.

**Sons of Pioneers:**

[Singing]  
Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear.  
Prowlin' and a growlin' and a sniffin' the air.  
He can find a fire before it starts to flame.  
That's why they call him Smokey,  
That was how he got his name.

[Music playing]

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**Duration: 5 minutes**