

Rio Grande
Dave Alvin

RIO GRANDE
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C **Am**
I guess she put her blue dress on, and walked out late last night
C **Am**
Left one silk stocking, dangling from the bedside light
Dm **F**
I sobered up and called her name, just before the dawn
Dm **F**
I saw her footprints in the sand, and knew that she had gone
C Dm F
Down the Rio Grande

I pulled out of Albuquerque, prayinâ€™ I wasnâ€™t late
I got a couple cups of coffee, at some joint off the interstate
Passinâ€™ through Las Cruces, I swear I saw her car
She always said sheâ€™d go someday, but never said how far
Down the Rio Grande

Chorus

Dm G C Am
Maybe sheâ€™s in Brownsville, sheâ€™s got some family there
Dm G C Am
She was always talkinâ€™ â€™bout, the salty Gulf Coast air
Dm F C Dm F
Where the river ends, down the Rio Grande

I saw an old grey heron, flyinâ€™ south against the wind
Storm clouds over Juarez, rollinâ€™ east to the Big Bend
I drove down Highway Ninety, through a dusty desert wind
I didnâ€™t know where it would lead me, or if Iâ€™d find her again
Down the Rio Grande

I lit my last cigarette, as the sky began to clear
Black mountains up ahead, a red sundown in my mirror
Lost all the border, â€™tween the future and the past
One fading slowly, and the other cominâ€™ fast
Down the Rio Grande

Repeat Chorus

I bought a bottle in Del Rio, and I parked on the side of the road
I stayed up all night, starinâ€™ at the lights of Mexico
And I walked down to border bridge, at the break of day
And I threw that empty bottle off, and I watched it float away

Down the Rio Grande

Repeat Chorusâ€|Where the river ends

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