

**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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