

**Big Iron**  
**Johnny Cash**

Intro: **Am** .. **Em** .. **Am**

**C** **Am**  
To the town of Aqua Fria rode a stranger one fine day  
**C** **Am**  
Hardly spoke to folks around him didn t have too much to say  
**F** **C**  
No one dared to ask his business no one dared to make a slip  
**Am**  
For the stranger there among them had a big iron on his hip  
**F** **C**  
Big iron on his hip

**C** **Am**  
It was early in the morning when he rode into the town  
**C** **Am**  
He came riding from the southside slowly looking all around  
**F** **C**  
He s an outlaw loose and running came the whisper from each  
lip  
**Am**  
And he s here to do some business with the big iron on his  
hip  
**F** **C**  
Big iron on his hip

In this town there lived an outlaw by the name of Texas Red  
Many men had tried to take him and that many men were dead  
He was vicious and a killer though a youth of twenty four  
And the notches on his pistol numbered one and nineteen more  
One and nineteen more

Now the stranger started talking made it plain to folks around  
He was an Arizona Ranger wouldn t be too long in town  
He came here to take an outlaw back alive or maybe dead  
And he said it didn t matter he was after Texas Red  
After Texas Red

The morning passed so quckly it was time for them to meet  
It was twenty past eleven when they walked out on the street  
Folks were watching from their windows everybody held their breath  
They knew this handsome ranger was about to meet his death  
Was about to meet his death

There was forty fet between them when they stopped to make their play  
And the swiftness of the ranger is still talked about today  
Texas Red had not cleared leather when a bullet fairly ripped  
And the ranger s aim was deadly with the big iron on his hip  
the Big iron on his hip

**F** **C**  
Big iron Big iron

**C** **Am**  
When he tried to match the ranger with the Big iron on his  
hip

**F** **C**  
Big iron on his hip

OUTRO:C Am