

El Paso

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C Dm G7 C
Out in the West Texas town of El Paso I fell in love with a Mexican girl.
C Dm
Nighttime would find me in Rosa s Cantina,
G7 C F C
Music would play and Felina would whirl.
C Dm
Black as the night were the eyes of Felina,
G7 C F C
Wicked and evil while casting a spell.
C Dm
My love was strong for this Mexican maiden,
G7 C F C
I was in love, but in vain I could tell.
F Bb F Bb C7
One night a wild young cowboy came in, wild as the West Texas wind...
C7
Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing,
F
With wicked Felina, the girl that I love.
G G7 C Dm G7
So in an - ger I challenged his right for the love of this maiden;
C
Down went his hand for the gun that he wore.
Dm
My challenge was answered, in less than a heartbeat
G C
The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor.
Dm
Just for a moment I stood there in silence,
G C
Shocked by the foul evil deed I had done.
Dm
Many thoughts ran through my mind as I stood there;
G C
I had but one chance and that was to run.
F Bb F Bb C7
Out through the back door of Rose s I ran, out where the horses were tied...
C7
I picked a good one; he looked like he could run,
F
Up on his back and away I did ride.
C Dm
Just as fast as I could from the West Texas town of El Paso,
G C
Out thru the badlands of New Mexico.
Dm

Back in El Paso my life would be worthless;

G **C**
Everything s gone in life nothing is left.

C **Dm**
But it s been so long since I ve seen the young maiden,

G **C**
My love is stronger that my fear of death.

F **Bb** **F** **Bb** **C7**
I saddled up and away I did go, riding alone in the dark...

Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me,

F
Tonight nothing s worse than this pain in my heart.

C **Dm**
And as last here I am on the hill overlooking El Paso,

G **C**
I can see Rose s Cantina below.

Dm **G** **C**
My love is strong and it pushes me onward, down off the hill to Felina I go.

C **Dm**
Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys,

G **C**
Off to my left ride a dozen or more.

C **Dm**
shouting and shooting; I can t let them catch me,

G **C**
I ve got to make it to Rose s back door.

F **Bb** **F** **Bb** **C7**
Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel a deep burning pain in my side...

It s getting harder to stay in the saddle.

F
I m getting weary, unable to ride.

C **Dm**
But my love for Felina is strong and I rise where I ve fallen;

G **C**
Though I am weary, I can t stop to rest.

C **Dm**
I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle,

G **C**
I feel the bullet go deep in my chest.

C **Dm**
>From out of nowhere, Felina has found me,

G **C**
Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side.

C **Dm**
Cradled by two loving arms that I ll die for,

G **C**
One little kiss and Felina goodbye.