

**Mineral Wells**  
**Tom Russell**

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(capo 3rd fret)

Intro:  
G (alternate between |320003| and |302003| intro only)

**G**  
She was livin in a cadillac  
**G**  
Bedded down in the back seat  
**G** **D**  
On a back street of the Hollywood hills  
**D**  
With a shoebox museum of memories  
**D** **G**  
Old photos and medical bills  
**G**  
She d been a great actress in two dozen movies  
**G** **G7** **C**  
Played Shakespeare on the great London stage  
**C** **G**  
Before the three husbands, six kids and bad breaks  
**G D** **G**  
Of fifty-eight odd years of age  
  
**G**  
Him they called fat boy wore grey overalls  
**G** **D**  
And he clocked in at four hundred pounds  
**D**  
With a passion for food and film magazines

**D** **G**  
 He d been a great critic downtown  
**G**  
 He d seen all her movies, worshipped her face  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 Heard her story and took her on in  
**C** **G**  
 Though she bore no resemblance to the star he adored  
**G** **D** **G** **G7**  
 The film s over before real life begins

Chorus:

**G7** **C**  
 She told him of a fountain of youth  
**C** **D**  
 In the hot Texas earth  
**D** **C**  
 It ll heal and renew us  
**C** **D**  
 It s somewhere west of Fort Worth  
**D** **C**  
 And she met Errol Flynn there  
**C** **G** **C**  
 In the Crazy Water Hotel  
**C** **Am**  
 And they danced down the street  
**Am** **D** **C**  
 In the moonlight of old Mineral Wells

G (alternate between |320003| and |302003|)

**G**  
 So they boarded a greyhound in search of the fountain  
**G** **D**  
 Fat boy and the aging film queen  
**D**  
 Through the Great Painted Desert and all across Texas  
**D** **G**  
 Amarillo plain to Abilene  
**G**  
 They got off in Fort Worth for a fresh cup of coffee  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 Caught the local to old Mineral Wells  
**C** **G**  
 And it dropped them in front of that boarded up palace  
**G** **D** **G**  
 Called the Crazy Water Hotel

**G**  
 Disillusioned they found a cheap room off the highway  
**G** **D**

Drank vodka from a styrofoam cup

**D**  
There d be no healing return to the past  
**D** **G**  
The fountain of youth had dried up  
**G**  
So the critic and the film star held hands and drank vodka  
**G** **G7** **C**  
As the great Texas sun rose and fell  
**C** **G**  
And drunk but still dreaming they waltzed down the street  
**G** **D** **G** **G7**  
In the moonlight of old Mineral Wells

Repeat Chorus

**C** **Am**  
They danced down the street  
**Am** **D** **G** **C** **G** **D** **G**  
In the moonlight of old Mineral Wells

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