

El Paso - Marty Robbins (1959)

D Em
Out in the West Texas town of El Paso
A7 D
I fell in love with a Mexican girl.

D Em
Nighttime would find me in Rosa's Cantina,
A7 D
Music would play and Feleena would whirl.

D Em
Blacker than night were the eyes of Feleena,
A7 D
Wicked and evil while casting a spell.

D Em
My love was deep for this Mexican maiden,
A7 D D7
I was in love, but in vain I could tell.

[Bridge]
G
One night a wild young cowboy came in,
G D D7
Wild as the West Texas wind.
D7
Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing,
D7 G
With wicked Feleena, the girl that I love.
A7
So in anger

D Em
I challenged his right for the love of this maiden;
A7 D
Down went his hand for the gun that he wore.

D Em
My challenge was answered, in less than a heartbeat
A7 D
The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor.

D Em
Just for a moment I stood there in silence,
A7 D
Shocked by the foul, evil deed I had done.

D Em
Many thoughts raced through my mind as I stood there;
A7 D D7
I had but one chance and that was to run.

[Bridge]

G
Out through the back door of Rosa's I ran,
G D D7
Out where the horses were tied.
D7
I caught a good one; it looked like it could run,
D7 G
Up on its back and away I did ride.
A7
Just as fast as I

D Em
could from the West Texas town of El Paso,
A7 D
Out to the badlands of New Mexico.

D Em
Back in El Paso my life would be worthless;
A7 D
Everything's gone in life, nothing is left.

D Em
It's been so long since I've seen the young maiden,
A7 D D7
My love is stronger than my fear of death.

[Bridge]
G
I saddled up and away I did go,
G D D7
Riding alone in the da - ark.
D7
Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me,
D7 G
Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my heart.
A7
And at last here

D Em
I am on the hill overlooking El Paso,
A7 D
I can see Rosa's Cantina below.

D Em
My love is strong and it pushes me onward,
A7 D
Down off the hill to Feleena I go.

D Em
Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys,
A7 D
Off to my left ride a dozen and more.

D Em
Shouting and shooting; I can't let them catch me,
A7 D D7
I have to make it to Rosa's back door.

[Bridge]

G

Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel

G

D

D7

A deep burning pain in my si - ide.

D7

Though I am trying to stay in the saddle.

D7

G

I'm getting weary, unable to ride.

A7

But my love for

D

Em

Feleena is strong and I rise where I've fallen;

A7

D

Though I am weary, I can't stop to rest.

D

Em

I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle,

A7

D

I feel the bullet go deep in my chest.

D

Em

From out of nowhere, Feleena has found me,

A7

D

Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side.

D

Em

Cradled by two loving arms that I'll die for,

A7

D

One little kiss and "Feleena goodbye."