

# El Paso

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D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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Out in the West Texas town of El Paso

I fell in love with a Mexican girl

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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Nighttime would find me in Rosa's Cantina

Music would play and Felina would whirl

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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Blacker than night were the eyes of Felina

Wicked and evil while casting a spell

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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My love was deep for this Mexican maiden

I was in love, but in vain I could tell

D	0 3 3 5 5 6 5 4 3	0 3 5 6 5 6 8 10~9 ~8~6
A		
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One night a wild young cowboy came in,

wild as the West Texas wind

D	0 2 4 8~8 5 8 6 4 2 0	0 0 2 4 6 5 4 6 5 4 3
A		
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Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing

with wicked Felina, the girl that I love

D	2 3 4 3 2 1~1 3 5 3	3 1 2 3 4
A	0	
D		

So in anger I challenged his right for the love of this maiden

D	1 2 3	2 1 3 2 1 0
A	0	
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Down went his hand for the gun that he wore

D	0 0 2 2 4 2	0 1 1 3 5 3
A		
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My challenge was answered, in less than a heartbeat

D	1 3 2	1 3 2 1 0
A	0 0 2	
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The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A	0 2	
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Just for a moment I stood there in silence shocked by the foul, evil deed I had done

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	
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Many thoughts ran through my mind as I stood there.

D	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0	
A	0 2	
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I had but one chance and that was to run

D	0 3 5 6 5 6 6 5 4 3	0 3 5 6 5 6 10~9 ~8~6
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Out through the back door of Rosa's I ran, out where the horses were tied

D	0 2 4 8 8 5 8 6 4 2 0	0 2 4 6 5 4 6 5 4 3
A		
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I caught a good one; he looked like he could run Up on his back and away I did ride

D	4 2 0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3
A	
D	

Just as fast as I could from the West Texas town of El Paso

D	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3
A	0 2	
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Out through the badlands of New Mexico Back in El Paso my life would be worthless

D	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3
A	0 2	
D		

Everything's gone in life nothing is left It's been so long since I've seen the young maiden

D	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A	0 2
D	

My love is stronger that my fear of death.

D	0 3 5 6 5 6 6 5 4 3	0 3 5 6 5 6 10~9 ~8~6
A		
D		

I saddled up and away I did go, riding alone in the dark

D	0 2 4 6 5 4 6 5 4 2 0
A	
D	

Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me

D	0 2 4 6 5 4 6 5 4 3
A	
D	

Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my heart

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

And at last here I am on the hill overlooking El Paso I can see Rosa's Cantina below

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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My love is strong and it pushes me onward, down off the hill to Felina I go

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
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Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys Off to my left ride a dozen or more

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

shouting and shooting; I can't let them catch me I've got to make it to Rosa's back door

D	0 3 3 5 5 6 5 4 3	0 3 5 6 5 6 8 10~9 ~8~6
A		
D		

Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel

a deep burning pain in my side

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

It's getting harder to stay in the saddle

I'm getting weary, unable to ride

D	4 4 0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

But my love for Felina is strong and I rise where I've fallen. Though I am weary, I can't stop to rest

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle

I feel the bullet go deep in my chest

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		

From out of nowhere, Felina has found me

Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side

D	0 0 2 4 2 0 1 1 3 5 3	1 3 2 1 3 2 1 0
A		0 2
D		<i>(Play this bar slowly)</i>

Cradled by two loving arms that I'll die for

One little kiss and Felina good-bye