

El Paso

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[G] Out in the West Texas [Am] town
of El Paso
[D7] I fell in love with a Mexican
[G] girl
Night-time would find me in [Am] Rosa's cantina
[D7] Music would play and Felina would [G]
whirl
[G] Blacker than night were the [Am] eyes of
Felina
[D7] Wicked and evil while casting a [G] spell
My love was deep for this [Am] Mexican maiden
[D7] I was in love but in vain, I could [G] tell
[C] One night a wild young [G] cowboy came [C]
in
Wild as the West Texas [G] wind [D7]
[D7] Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing
[D7] With wicked Felina, the girl that I [C] loved
So in [D7] anger I [G] Challenged his right for the
[Am] love of this maiden
[D7] Down went his hand for the gun that he [G]
wore
My challenge was answered in [Am] less than a
heart-beat
[D7] The handsome young stranger lay dead on
the [G] floor
[G] Just for a moment I [Am] stood there in
silence
[D7] Shocked by the foul evil deed I had [G] done
Many thoughts raced through my [Am] mind as I
stood there
[D7] I had but one chance and that was to [G] run
[C] Out through the back door of [G] Rosa's I [C]
ran
Out where the horses were [G] tied
[D7] I caught a good one, it looked like it could
run
[D7] Up on its back, and away I did [C] ride
Just as [D7] fast as I [G] Could from the West
Texas [Am] town of El Paso
[D7] Out to the bad-lands of New Mexi[G]co

[G] Back in El Paso my life [Am]
would be worthless
[D7] Everything's gone in life nothing is [G] left
[G] It's been so long since I've seen [Am] the
young maiden
[D7] My love is stronger than my fear of [G]
death
[C] I saddled up and [D7] away I did [C] go
Riding alone in the [D7] dark [D7]
[D7] Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me
[D7] Tonight nothing's worse than this
Pain in my [C] heart
And at [D7] last here I [G] Am on the hill over
[Am] looking El Paso
[D7] I can see Rosa's cantina be[G] low
My love is strong and it [Am] pushes me onward
[D7] Down off the hill to Felina I [G] go
[G] Off to my right I see [Am] five mounted
cowboys
[D7] Off to my left ride a dozen or [G] more
Shouting and shooting I [Am] can't let them catch
me
[D7] I have to make it to Rosa's back [G] door
[C] Something is dreadfully [D7] wrong for I [C]
feel
A deep burning pain in my [G] side [D7]
[D7] Though I am trying to stay in the saddle
[D7] I'm getting weary, unable to [C] ride
But my [D7] love for
[G] Felina is strong and I [Am] rise where I've
fallen
[D7] Though I am weary I can't stop to [G] rest
I see the white puff of smoke [Am] from the rifle
[D7] I feel the bullet go deep in my [G] chest
[G] From out of nowhere [Am] Felina has found
me
[D7] Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my [G] side
Cradled by two loving arms [Am] that I'll die for
[D7] One little kiss and Felina, good [G] bye