

El Paso - Marty Robbins

C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
Out in the West Texas town of El Paso I fell in love with a Mexican girl.
C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
Nighttime would find me in Rosa's Cantina, Music would play and Felina would whirl.
C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
Black as the night were the eyes of Felina, wicked and evil while casting a spell.
C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
My love was strong for this Mexican maiden, I was in love, but in vain I could tell.

F F Bb F F Bb C7 C7 C7 C7
One night a wild young cowboy came in, wild as the West Texas wind...
C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 F F
Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing, with wicked Felina, the girl that I love.

G G7 C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
So in anger I challenged his right for the love of this maiden; Down went his hand for the gun that he wore.
C C Dm Dm G G G C C
My challenge was answered, in less than a heartbeat, the handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor.
C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
Just for a moment I stood there in silence, Shocked by the foul evil deed I had done.
C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
Many thoughts ran through my mind as I stood there; I had but one chance and that was to run.

F F Bb F F Bb C7 C7 C7 C7
Out through the back door of Rose's I ran, out where the horses were tied...
C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 F F
I picked a good one; he looked like he could run, Up on his back and away I did ride.

G G7 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 Just as fast as I could from the West Texas town of El Paso, Out thru the badlands of New Mexico.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 Back in El Paso my life would be worthless; Everything's gone in life nothing is left.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 But it's been so long since I've seen the young maiden, My love is stronger than my fear of death.

F F Bb F F Bb C7 C7 C7 C7
 I saddled up and away I did go, riding alone in the dark...
 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 F F
 Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me, Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my heart.

G G7 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 And as last here I am on the hill overlooking El Paso, I can see Rose's Cantina below.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 My love is strong and it pushes me onward, down off the hill to Felina I go.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys, Off to my left ride a dozen or more.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C C
 Shouting and shooting; I can't let them catch me, I've got to make it to Rose's back door.

F F Bb F F Bb C7 C7 C7 C7
 Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel a deep burning pain in my side...
 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 F F
 It's getting harder to stay in the saddle. I'm getting weary, unable to ride.

G G7 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C
 But my love for Felina is strong and I rise where I've fallen; Though I am weary, I can't stop to rest.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C
 I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle, I feel the bullet go deep in my chest.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C
 From out of nowhere, Felina has found me, Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side.
 C C Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 C
 Cradled by two loving arms that I'll die for, One little kiss and Felina goodbye.