

## El Paso by Marty Robbins

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.

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.

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.

G  
I saddled up and away I did go,  
G D D7  
Riding alone in the dark.  
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.

G  
Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel  
G D D7  
A deep burning pain in my side.  
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.