San Angelo

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North of the border of Old Mexico

I rode one day to the cowtown of San Angelo

A hot sun was glowing, a warm wind was blowing

Still not as warm as the lips that I waited to kissCheeks that would blush in red roses to shame

Lips that were fresher than flowers when kissed by the rain

Dark eyes that sparkled much brighter than diamonds

She was a beauty, Socorro was my lovers nameI met her down in Lorado

Everyone there in this border town called her the 'Rose'

Mexican cowboys drank to Socorro

Everyone loved her but I was the one that she choseAn outlaw above all the rest

Now my heart beats so madly

Soon she will be at my sideShe sent a message a long time ago

Socorro had promised to meet me at San Angelo

I was aware of the chance I was taking

I was an outlaw but great was my love for this girlI must be with her, I can't stay away

Nights spent without her are lonely and so are the days

If it means death then I'll have to chance it

Only a few moments more and she'll be in my armsAt ten o' clock in the morning

I tied my horse and I started to walk down the street

Where was Socorro, had she forgotten

This was the day and the hour that she wanted to meetBut something is wrong with our plans

And I fear death awaits me

Here on this hot dusty streetUp on a housetop but still I can see

There hides a man with a rifle, it's pointed at me

I might escape from the man with a rifle

But there are others just like him that I cannot seeBack of each window the click of a gun

Die if I stay and my love for her won't let me run

Where is Socorro, will my eyes see her

Then in a moment she runs from a door down the street"Up on your horse", she is crying

"Ride out of town, it's a trap and they're waiting for you"

But if I ride out, she must ride with me

Then in a moment I know that our chances are goneFor a bullet is well on its way

And it finds my Socorro

She dies as she falls in my armsTears dim my vision but plainly I see

The ranger that killed her is standing there waiting for me

I walk to meet him, my one thought is 'Beat him'

He deserves death and I swear that this ranger will dieI beat his draw and I shot him

Shot him six times just as fast as the bullets would fly

My gun is empty or more I would shoot him

Now there are others just like him that want me to dieTheir bullets are coming my way

How they hurt when they hit me

The pain makes me fall to the groundGone is my strength, just the will left to fight

I hear the sound of the lead as it robs me of life

If I must die, let me find Socorro

Let me hold on to her hand for the few moments leftBlindly I search and it isn't in vain
I touch the soft velvet hand and it eases the pain
Life is no more but we're together

Even in death she's my lover, it's over, goodbye

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