

# El Paso

## Old 97's

Out in the west Texas town of El Paso  
I fell in love with a Mexican girl  
Nighttime would find me in Rose's cantina  
Music would play and Felina would whirl  
Black as the night were the eyes of Felina  
Wicked and evil while casting a spell  
My love was strong for this Mexican maiden  
I was in love but in vain I could tell  
One night a wild young cowboy came in  
Wild as the west Texas wind  
Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing  
With wicked Felina, the girl that I love  
So in anger I challenged his right for the love of this maiden  
Down went his hand for the gun that he wore  
My challenge was answered in less than a heartbeat  
The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor  
Just for a moment I stood there in silence  
Shocked by the foul evil deed I had done  
Many thoughts raced through my mind as I stood there  
I had but one chance and that was to run  
Out through the back door of roses I ran  
Out where the horses were tied  
I picked a good one, it looked like he could run  
Up on his back and away I did ride  
Just as fast as I could from the west Texas town of El Paso  
Out through the badlands of new Mexico  
Back in El Paso my life would be worthless  
Everything is gone in life, nothing is left  
But it's been so long since I've seen the young maiden  
My love is stronger than my fear of death  
I saddled up and away I did go, riding alone in the dark  
Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me  
Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my heart  
But at last here I am on the hill overlooking El Paso  
I can see Rose's cantina below  
My love is strong and it pushes me onward  
Down off the hill to Felina I go  
Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys  
Off to my left ride a dozen or more

Shouting and shooting, I can't let them catch me  
I've got to make it to Rose's back door  
Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel  
    A deep burning pain in my side  
It's getting harder to stay in the saddle  
    I'm getting weary, unable to ride  
But my love for Felina is strong and I rise where I've fallen  
    Though I am weary, I can't stop to rest  
I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle  
    I feel the bullet go deep in my chest  
From out of nowhere Felina has found me  
Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side  
Cradled by two loving arms that I'll die for  
    One little kiss and Felina goodbye

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