

The Ballad of Billy the Kid

Billy Joel

From a town known as Wheeling, West Virginia
Rode a boy with a six-gun in his hand
And his daring life of crime
Made him a legend in his time
East and west of the Rio GrandeWell, he started with a bank in Colorado
In the pocket of his vest, a Colt he hid
And his age and his size
Took the teller by surprise
And the word spread of Billy the KidWell, he never traveled heavy
Yes, he always rode alone
And he soon put many older guns to shame
And he never had a sweetheart
And he never had a home
But the cowboy and the rancher knew his nameWell, he robbed his way from Utah to Oklahoma
And the law just could not seem to track him down
And it served his legend well
For the folks, they'd love to tell
'Bout when Billy the Kid came to townWell, one cold day a posse captured Billy
And the judge said, "String 'I'm up for what he did!"
And the cowboys and their kin
Like the sea came pourin' in
To watch the hangin' of Billy the KidWell, he never traveled heavy
Yes, he always rode alone
And he soon put many older guns to shame
And he never had a sweetheart
But he finally found a home
Underneath the boothill grave that bears his nameFrom a town known as Oyster Bay, Long Island
Rode a boy with a six pack in his hand
And his daring life of crime
Made him a legend in his time
East and west of the Rio Grande

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