

# Comfort's Just a Rifle Shot Away

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I was saddle sore and weary  
Riding silent through the night  
Running from my life and the sleepy Rio Grande  
Headed for the border with a posse on my trail  
A bullet in my shoulder and a pistol in my hand  
Iâ€™d robbed the bank in Hebronville  
Things went wrong I had to kill a man standing in my way  
I jumped on a horse rode out of town  
With bullets raining all around  
They got me, but at least I got away

And Mexico lightâ€™s shining like a diamond in the night  
Gotta run like the devil or thereâ€™ll be hell to pay  
Paradise is just beyond the river  
And Comfortâ€™s only 20 miles away

I donâ€™t know why I did it  
But I did it just the same  
It may have been a mountain I just had to climb  
It wasnâ€™t for the money but it might have been for fame  
A way to plant my footprints in the sands of time  
But the blood is soaking down my shirt  
Iâ€™m cold and tired, my shoulder hurts  
I donâ€™t know how much further I can go  
And to hell with the sands of time, I just wanna plant these feet of mine  
In the sun-baked sands of Mexico

And Mexico lightâ€™s shining like a diamond in the night  
Gotta run like the devil or thereâ€™ll be hell to pay  
Paradise is just beyond the river  
And Comfortâ€™s just a rifle shot away

I topped the hill and thereâ€™s the river  
And the dim lights of Laredo  
And I can hear my heartbeat Comfortâ€™s just a mile away  
Or is that hoofbeats in the distance? I gotta keep on goinâ€™  
Canâ€™t take the time to catch my breath  
Canâ€™t even stop to pray  
But my horse has run all he can run  
The posseâ€™s gaining here they come

Help me reach the land of the free  
And I see a flash of lightning and I hear a clap of thunder  
As the rocky earth comes spinning up to me

And Mexico lies waiting like a diamond in the night  
Gotta run like the devil or thereâ€™ll be hell to pay  
Paradise is just beyond the river  
And Comfortâ€™s only six feet away  
And Comfortâ€™s just a rifle shot away

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