El paso

Le Peuple de l'Herbe

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 that 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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