El Paso City

Marty Robbins

From thirty thousand feet above The desert floor, I see it there below

A city with a legend

The west Texas city of El PasoWhere long ago, I heard a song

About a Texas cowboy and a girl

And a little place called Rosa's

Where he used to go and watch this beauty whirlI don't recall who sang the song

But I recall the story that I heard

And as I look down on the city

I remember each and every wordThe singer sang about a jealous cowboy

And the way he used a gun

To kill another cowboy

Then he had to leave El Paso on the runEl Paso City by the Rio Grande

The cowboy lived and rode away

But love was strong, he couldn't stay

He rode back just to die in that El Paso sandEl Paso City by the Rio Grande

I try not to let you cross my mind

But still I find there's such a mystery

In the song that I don't understandMy mind is down there somewhere

As I fly above the badlands of New Mexico

I can't explain why I should know

The very trail he rode back to El PasoCan it be that man can disappear

From life and live another time

And does the mystery deepen 'cause you think

That you yourself lived in that other timeSomewhere in my deepest thoughts

Familiar scenes and memories unfold

These wild and unexplained emotions

That I've had so long but I have never toldLike every time I fly up through the heavens

And I see you there below

I get the feeling sometime

In another world I lived in El PasoEl Paso City by the Rio Grande

Could it be that I could be

The cowboy in this mystery

That died there in that desert sand so long agoEl Paso City by the Rio Grande

A voice tells me to go and see

Another voice keeps tellin' me

Maybe death awaits me in El PasoEl Paso City

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