

Billy Walker

"Ballad of Carlena"

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(Bobby Damron - Jay Johnson)

Flashing dark eyes has Carlena laughter so pleasant to hear
The wind in the trees sighed Carlena I've not seen her for almost the years
I'll cross a river at Waco and then I ride like the wind
I'll change horses at the rancho that holds Jose my good friend.

Ruby red lips has Carlena there is a rose in her hair
To be in the arms of Carlena is a pain in my heart I can't bear
I see the lights of the rancho but who's standing there in the door
Carlena and Jose embracing oh who can't you trust anymore.

I stood in the shadows a moment watched Jose kissing my wife
They'll bury him in the morning he'll pay for that kiss with his life
My hand went quick for my pistol the bullet went straight for his head
But he moved the very same moment and it reached Carlena instead.

Before Jose knew what it happened one more shot rang out in the dark
I knew by the way he was falling the bullet had went to his heart
I got no reason for living so I'll just ride on to Juarez
And I'll drink till I can't remember Carlena and Jose go mad...

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