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"Ava Maria Morales"

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A long time ago in the small border town of Nogalas
There lived a beautiful Mexican girl named Ava Maria
Morales
Her dark hair would glisten and shine when touched by
the sun
And she loved a cowboy that told her he worked
ON a ranch just outside of Tucson

Diamonds he gave to her caused many people to say
How could he give her such diamonds as these on
thirty a month cowboy pay
She paid no attention to what they said or what they did
'Cause she never doubted he worked on a ranch
Out of Tucson, just like he said

Then to Nogalas, one mornin', came ridin' a stranger
He wore a badge on the front of his vest, the new one
in town was a Ranger
And he showed some pictures of outlaws and bandits
he chased
And one of the pictures caused Ava Maria
To turn with fear on her face

Ava Maria
It's true what they said
Your cowboy's an outlaw
With a price on his head

The Ranger left town on the trail of the outlaws he
hunted
Ava Maria prayed he'd never catch the cowboy she
loved and she wanted
'Cause deep in her heart she beleived that the Ranger
was wrong
The outlaw just looked like the cowboy that worked
On the ranch just outside of Tucson

True love would never let Ava Maria believe it
And there in her window each evenin' she'd light
A candle and hoped he would see it
The years turned her dark hair to silver but love still
lived on

She prayed every night for the cowboy that worked
On the ranch just outside of Tucson

One night the town of Nogalas was saddened to see
The window where Ava Maria would watch was dark
where a light used to be
Some love stories live for a while and then they are
gone
For over a century the story of Ava Maria has lived on
and on

Ava Maria
If your spirit lives on
I hope you have found him
At the ranch just outside of Tucson

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