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"Big Iron"

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To the town of Agua Fria rode a stranger one fine day
Hardly spoke to folks around him, didn't have too much
to say
No one dared to ask his business, no one dared to
make a slip
For the stranger there amongst them had a big iron on
his hip
Big iron on his hip

It was early in the morning when he rode into the town
He came riding from the south side slowly lookin' all
around
He's an outlaw loose and running came the whisper
from each lip
And he's here to do some business with the big iron on
his hip
Big iron on his hip

In this town there lived an outlaw by the name of Texas
Red
Many men had tried to take him and that many men
were dead
He was vicious and a killer though a youth of twenty-
four
And the notches on his pistol numbered one and
nineteen more
One and nineteen more

Now the stranger started talking, made it plain to folks
around
Was an Arizona Ranger, wouldn't be too long in town
He came here to take an outlaw back alive or maybe
dead
And he said it didn't matter, he was after Texas Red
After Texas Red

Wasn't long before the story was relayed to Texas Red
But the outlaw didn't worry men that tried before were
dead
Twenty men had tried to take him, twenty men had
made a slip
Twenty-one would be the ranger with the big iron on his

hip
Big iron on his hip

The morning passed so quickly, it was time for them to meet
It was twenty past eleven when they walked out in the street
Folks were watching from the windows, everybody held their breath
They knew this handsome ranger was about to meet his death
About to meet his death

There was forty feet between them when they stopped to make their play
And the swiftness of the Ranger is still talked about today
Texas Red had not cleared leather for a bullet fairly ripped
And the Ranger's aim was deadly with the big iron on his hip
Big iron on his hip

It was over in a moment and the folks had gathered 'round
There before them lay the body of the outlaw on the ground
Oh, he might have gone on living but he made one fatal slip
When he tried to match the Ranger with the big iron on his hip
Big iron on his hip

Big iron, big iron
When he tried to match the Ranger
With the big iron on his hip
Big iron on his hip

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