

Marty Robbins

"The Fastest Gun Around"

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In the days of William Bonney better known as Bill The Kid

A young cowboy named Joey Steel was 'bout to make his bid

Well, he heard one day that Bill The Kid had just rode into town

And if he could take him he would be the fastest gun around

He was just a kid of seventeen but he had a lightin' hand

And he said it's time I showed the world that I've become a man

Everyone thinks Billy is the fastest gun around

But they will know I'm faster when they see me shoot him down

They finally came together down on Main Street just at five

The people were all gathered wonderin' who'd be left alive

Billy knew that Joey wanted notches on his gun

And he wished that he could give him those he'd carved upon his own

Joey's hand went to his side, he was sure that he had won

But before he even fired he saw the smoke of Billy's gun

And he felt the bullet hit him hard and before his eyes he saw

His wasted life pass quickly ending with this fatal draw

Billy breathed more easily and he put away his gun

And he tried to ease his conscience for the wrong that he had done

Then he saddled up his horse and headed Westward out of town

And he wondered just how long he'd be the fastest gun around

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