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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 among them had a big iron on
his hip
Big iron on his hip

It was early in the morning when he rode into town
He came riding from the south side, slowly lookin' all
around
"He's an outlaw loose and runnin'", came a 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 the 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 talkin' made it plain to folks
around
Was an Arizonian ranger, wouldn't be too long in town
He came there to take an outlaw back alive or maybe
dead
And he said it didn't matter that he was after Texas
Red
After Texas Red

Wasn't long before this 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 past so quickly and it was time for them to
meet
It was twenty past eleven when they walked out on the
street
Folks were watchin' from their windows, every body
held their breath
For they knew that 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 still talked about today
Texas Red had not cleared leather when 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 livin' but he made one final
slip
When he tried to match the ranger with the big iron on
his hip
Big iron on his hip

Big iron, big iron
He tried to match the ranger
With the big iron on his hip
Big iron on his hip

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