

Ry Cooder

"THE GIRLS FROM TEXAS"

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Well, I met a girl from Texas 'bout a year ago
Hadn't known her for too long when I had to let her go
You see, she had a razor, was ten inches or so
And every night you'd hear her knocking at my door

She said, "Baby, I'll give you the clothes on my back
You can have everything that I've got in my shack
But if you ever try to leave they'll take you out in sack
'Cause me and my razor will see to that"

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I thought about my situation, decided not to tarry
For my own self preservation, I decided we should
marry
When the preacher started reading 'bout 'till death do
us part
I told him, "Skip it, she had that understanding right
from the start"

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You can have everything that I've got in my shack
But if you ever try to leave they'll take you out in sack
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That's the way the girls are from Texas
(Houston to San Antone)
That's the way the girls are from Texas
(Got to love 'em right or leave 'em alone)
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Well we settled down, got me a little old job, '65 Fair
lane Ford
Every Friday night I would stop in and cash my pay
check
Down at the grocery store
They had a little girl worked in there, must have been
about seventeen

She was the cutest thing I had ever seen

It's the same old story and I'm afraid it wasn't too very long

Before we had fallen deeply in love and I knew it was wrong

I said baby, we got to stop this thing right here

Or my woman is gonna cut my throat from ear to ear, that's right

In tearful supplication, she looked up in my face

I could feel her heart was breaking as these sad words she did say

"You should have told me you was married, baby"

She pulled out a forty-five and let me have it

Right smack between the eyes

That's the way the girls are from Texas

That's the way the girls are from Texas

She was guilty, I was dead

(That's the way the girls are from Texas)

Now, what'd you think that the old judge said?

(That's the way the girls are from Texas)

"Ah, that's just the way the girls are down here in Texas

Case dismissed!"

That's the way the girls are from Texas

(Houston to San Antone)

That's the way the girls are from Texas

(Got to love 'em right or leave 'em alone, boy)

That's the way the girls are from Texas

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