

## Greatful Dead

### "El Paso"

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Out in the West Texas town of El Paso I fell in love with a Mexican

girl.

Nighttime would find me in Rose's Cantina,

Music would play and Felina would whirl.

Black as the night were the eyes of Felina,

Wicked and evil while casting a spell.

My love was strong for this Mexican maiden,

I was in love, but in vain I could tell.

One night a wild young cowboy came in, wild as the West Texas wind...

Dashing and daring, a drink he was sharing,

With wicked Felina, the girl that I love.

So in anger I challenged his right for the love of this maiden;

Down went his hand for the gun that he wore.

My challenge was answered, in less than a heartbeat

The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor.

Just for a moment I stood there in silence,

Shocked by the foul evil deed I had done.

Many thoughts ran through my mind as I stood there;

I had but one chance and that was to run.

Out through the back door of Rose's I ran, out where  
the horses were

tied...

I picked a good one; he looked like he could run,

Up on his back and away I did ride.

Just as fast as I could from the West Texas town of El  
Paso,

Out thru the badlands of New Mexico.

Back in El Paso my life would be worthless;

Everything's gone in life nothing is left.

But it's been so long since I've seen the young maiden,

My love is stronger than my fear of death.

I saddled up and away I did go, riding alone in the  
dark...

Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me,

Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my heart.

And as last here I am on the hill overlooking El Paso,

I can see Rose's Cantina below.

My love is strong and it pushes me onward, down off  
the hill to Felina

I go.

Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys,

Off to my left ride a dozen or more.

shouting and shooting; I can't let them catch me,

I've got to make it to Rose's back door.

Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel a deep  
burning pain in my

It's getting harder to stay in the saddle.

I'm getting weary, unable to ride

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