

El Paso

Jolly Roger Ukulele
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 Marty Robbins (1959)
 Arranged by Gary Jugert
 for Ukulele

Repeats:

Verse 1 & 2 & 3
 Verse 4 & 5 & 6
 Verse 7 & 8 & 9
 Verse 10 & 11 & 12
 Verse 13 & 14
 Jump from 16 to 37

Notes tabbed on the 4th string
 will sound an octave higher than
 notated on High G ukuleles.
 This is a good thing.

Chords & Lyrics

Ukulele Melody

TuffUke

A Section

B Section

coda

**To #1 every other time.
To #37 last time.**

Chords: G, G, Am, Am7, D, D7, D7, G, G, G, Am, Am7, D, D7, D7, G, C, C, F, C, C, G7.

Tempo: 160

Measure Numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

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The musical score for 'El Paso' is presented in two systems. The first system (measures 23-31) features a guitar melody with chords G, G, G7, G, G, G, G7, G, and G7. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The second system (measures 32-37) features a guitar melody with chords G7, C, C, D, D7, and G. The piano accompaniment continues with the bass line and chords. Measure 37 is marked 'To #1' and 'coda'.

Verse 1 (a): Out in the west Texas town of El Paso, I fell in love with a Mexican girl. Nighttime would find me in Rosie's cantina. Music would play and Felina would whirl.

Verse 2 (a): Blacker than midnight the eyes of Felina wicked and evil while casting a spell. My love was deep for this Mexican maiden. I was in love, but in vain I could tell.

Verse 3 (b): One night a wild young cowboy rode in wild as the west Texas wind. Dashing and daring a drink he was sharing with wicked Felina the girl that I loved So in anger I...

Verse 4 (a): 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 heart beat. The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor.

Verse 5 (a): Just for the moment I stood there in silence. Shocked by the foul evil deed that I'd done. Many thoughts raced through my mind as I stood there. I had but one chance and that was to run.

Verse 6 (b): Out through the backdoor of Rosie's I ran. Out where the horses were tied. I caught a good one, it looked like it could run jumped up on its back and away I did ride. Just as fast as I...

Verse 7 (a): could from the west Texas town of El Paso out to the bad lands of New Mexico. Back in El Paso my life would be worthless. Ev'rything's gone in life nothing is left.

Verse 8 (a): It's been so long since I've seen the young maiden. My love is stronger than my fear of death.

{Instrumental}

Verse 9 (b): I saddled up away I did go riding alone in the dark. Maybe tomorrow a bullet may find me tonight nothing's worse than the pain in my heart. And at last here I...

Verse 10 (a): am on the hill over looking El Paso. I can see Rosie's Cantina below. My love is strong and it pushes me onward. Down off the hill to Felina I go.

Verse 11 (a): Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys. Off to my left ride a dozen and more. Shouting and shooting, I can't let them catch me. I have to make it to Rosie's back door.

Verse 12 (b): Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel a deep burning pain in my side. Though I am trying to stay in my saddle, I'm getting weary and unable to ride. But my love for Fe-...

Verse 13 (a): -lina is strong and I rise where I've fallen. Though I am weary I can't stop to rest. I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle. I feel the bullet go deep in my chest.

Verse 14 (a): From out of nowhere Felina has found me, kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side. Cradled by two loving arms that I die for. One little kiss and Felina goodbye.