

Lyrics to El Paso City by Marty Robbins, 1976

From thirty thousand feet above

The desert floor, I see it there below

A city with a legend

The west Texas city of El Paso

Where long ago, I heard a song

About a Texas cowboy and a girl

And a little place called Rosa's

Where he used to go and watch this beauty whirl

I don't recall who sang the song

But I recall the story that I heard

And as I look down on the city

I remember each and every word

The singer sang about a jealous cowboy

And the way he used a gun

To kill another cowboy

Then he had to leave El Paso on the run

El Paso City by the Rio Grande

The cowboy lived and rode away
But love was strong, he couldn't stay
He rode back just to die in that El Paso sand

El Paso City by the Rio Grande
I try not to let you cross my mind
But still I find there's such a mystery
In the song that I don't understand

My mind is down there somewhere
As I fly above the badlands of New Mexico
I can't explain why I should know
The very trail he rode back to El Paso

Can it be that man can disappear
From life and live another time
And does the mystery deepen 'cause you think
That you yourself lived in that other time

Somewhere in my deepest thoughts
Familiar scenes and memories unfold
These wild and unexplained emotions

That I've had so long but I have never told

Like every time I fly up through the heavens

And I see you there below

I get the feeling sometime

In another world I lived in El Paso

El Paso City by the Rio Grande

Could it be that I could be

The cowboy in this mystery

That died there in that desert sand so long ago

El Paso City by the Rio Grande

A voice tells me to go and see

Another voice keeps tellin' me

Maybe death awaits me in El Paso

El Paso City