

Running Gun (D)

[Verse 1]

D G7
I rode out of Kansas City, going south to Mexico
A G7 D
I was running dodging danger, left the girl that I loved so
G7
Far behind lay Kansas City and the past that I had earned
A G7 D
Twenty notches on my six gun marked the lessons I had learned

[Chorus]

G7 D
Many times I sold my fast gun for a place to lay my head
G7 D A
Till the nights began to haunt me by the men that I left dead

[Verse 2]

D G7
Couldn't stand it any longer with the life that I'd begun
A G7 D
So I said good-bye to Jeannie and became a running gun
G7
I rode into Amarillo as the sun sank in the west
A G7 D
My thoughts in Kansas City and the girl that I love best
G7
As I smiled and kissed her gently and then turned away to go
A G7 D
Said I'd send for her to meet me when I reached old Mexico

[Chorus]

G7 D
I had barely left the saddle and my foot just touched the ground
G7 D A
When a cold voice from the shadows told me not to turn around

[Verse 3]

D G7
Said he knew about my fast gun, knew the price paid by the law
A G7 D
Challenged by a bounty hunter, so I turned around to draw
D G7
I knew someday I'd meet him for his hand like lightning flashed
A G7 D
My own gun stood in leather as his bullet tore it's path

As my strength was slowly fading I could see him walk away
And I knew that where I lie tonight he too must lie some day

[Chorus]

Now the crowd is slowly gathering and my eyes are growing dim
And my thoughts return to Jeannie
and the home that we had planned
Oh please tell her won't you mister
that she's still the only one
But a woman's love is wasted when she loves a running gun