

Running Gun (G)

[Verse 1]

G C7
I rode out of Kansas City, going south to Mexico
D C7 G
I was running dodging danger, left the girl that I loved so
C7
Far behind lay Kansas City and the past that I had earned
D C7 G
Twenty notches on my six gun marked the lessons I had learned

[Chorus]

C7 G
Many times I sold my fast gun for a place to lay my head
C7 G D
Till the nights began to haunt me by the men that I left dead

[Verse 2]

G C7
Couldn't stand it any longer with the life that I'd begun
D C7 G
So I said good-bye to Jeannie and became a running gun
C7
I rode into Amarillo as the sun sank in the west
D C7 G
My thoughts in Kansas City and the girl that I love best
C7
As I smiled and kissed her gently and then turned away to go
D C7 G
Said I'd send for her to meet me when I reached old Mexico

[Chorus]

C7 G
I had barely left the saddle and my foot just touched the ground
C7 G D
When a cold voice from the shadows told me not to turn around

[Verse 3]

G C7
Said he knew about my fast gun, knew the price paid by the law
D C7 G
Challenged by a bounty hunter, so I turned around to draw
G C7
I knew someday I'd meet him for his hand like lightning flashed
G C7 G
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
D C7 G
And I knew that where I lie tonight he too must lie some day

[Chorus]

C7 G
Now the crowd is slowly gathering and my eyes are growing dim
C7
And my thoughts return to Jeannie
G D
and the home that we had planned
G
Oh please tell her won't you mister
C7
that she's still the only one
D C7 G
But a woman's love is wasted when she loves a running gun