

JESSE

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JESSE WAS AN OUTLAW, HE LIVED BY THE GUN
HE GAMBLED A LITTLE, AND DRANK RYE WHISKEY
AND LOVED THE LADIES SOME
HE HAD A QUARTER HORSE NAMED BART
THEY RODE THE DUSTY PLAINS
IN THE HOT DRY SUMMER, IN THE BLOWIN' WINTER,
AND THROUGH THE DRIVING RAINS
(THROUGH THOSE DRIVING RAINS)

SHERIFF JAMES WAS GRIZZLED OLD FOX
ONERY, CRUSTY, BOLD
WITH A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER WITH SILKY HAIR
AND LONGS LEGS, FLAXEN GOLD
SHE WAS A LOVELY YOUNG TART
AND SHE REALLY LIKED BART
BUT HER PARENTS DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
WHY A SWEET YOUNG THING, WOULD EVER WANT A RING
FROM A MAN WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND
(WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND)

ONE DAY IT ALL WENT DOWN IN THE ONE COW TOWN
IN THE BACK OF A SMOKE FILLED BAR
WHERE THE BOYS HAD GATHERED FOR CARDS AND CHATTER
DRINKING WHISKEY FROM AN OLD FRUIT JAR
LADY LUCK WASN'T SMILING
CAUSE A STRANGER HE'D BEEN PILING
ALL THEIR LOOT INTO HIS SADDLE PURSE
WHEN A CARD DROPPED FROM THE CHEAT'N DOG'S SLEEVE
THINGS WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE

C.
RUN LIKE THE WIND,
IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN
TWISTING FROM A NOOSE
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY (JESSE)
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO
YOU BETTER RUN TO THE BORDER
WITH THE SHERIFF'S OWN DAUGHTER
HE AINT GONNA LISTEN
TILL HE SEE'S YA'LL TWISTIN IN THE WIND
DESPERADO MAN

NOW MOST FOLKS SAID IT WAS SELF DEFENSE
SHERIFF JAMES CLAIMS, IT'S A CRIMINAL OFFENSE
I WON'T STAND FOR PRIVATE JUSTICE Y'ALL
AT THE BARREL OF A GUN
WHILE THEY WERE PICKING THAT DEAD MAN OFF THE FLOOR
THE SHERRIF'S DAUGHTER WAS SNEAKING OUT THEIR OWN BACK DOOR
SAY'N "COME ON JESSE LETS GET OUT OF TOWN
TAKE ME DOWN TO MEXICO"

C., BREAK

PUBLIC RECORDS ON THE MATTER, AND THE SHERIFF'S REPORT,
TELL THE FATE THAT THEY MET THAT DAY
HE GAVE CHASE TO THE WATERS OF THE RIO GRAND
AND THE CURRENT SWEPHT THEM ALL AWAY
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, HE MADE IT BACK TO DRY LAND
BUT HIS HORSE AND HIS TRACKER BOTH WENT DOWN,
AND ALL WHO PLUNGED IN, TO THE GRAND, 'CEPT HIM
ARE MISSING, PRESUMED DROWNED, OR
C.
DESPERADO MAN X3

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