

THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS (AMERICAN TRADITIONAL, 1836) *

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There's a yellow rose in Texas, that I am going to see,

E7

No other fellow knows her, nobody only me;

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She cried so when I left her, it almost broke my heart,

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And if we ever meet again, we never more will part.

Chorus:

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She's the sweetest rose of Texas this fellow ever knew,

E7

Her eyes are bright as diamonds; they sparkle like the dew;

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You may talk about your dearest love, and sing of Rosa Lee,

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But the Yellow Rose of Texas beats the belles of Tennessee.

When the Rio Grande is flowing, the starry skies are bright,
She walks along the river in the quiet summer night,
She thinks if I remember, when we parted long ago,
I promised to come back again, and never leave her so. (Chorus)

Oh, now I'm going to find her, for my heart is full of woe,
And we'll sing the songs together, that we sang so long ago
We'll play the banjo gaily, and sing the songs of yore,
And the Yellow Rose of Texas shall be mine forevermore. (Chorus)

*" The Yellow Rose of Texas" is a traditional folk song. The original love song has become associated with the legend of how an indentured servant named Emily Morgan "helped win the battle of San Jacinto, the decisive battle in the Texas Revolution." Circa 1836. www.wikipedia.org