

STREETS OF LAREDO

As [C] I walked [F] out on the [C] streets of [G7] Laredo
 As [C] I walked [F] out on [C] Laredo one [G7] day,
 I [C] spied a young [F] cowboy, all [C] wrapped in white [G7] linen
 Wrapped [C] up in white [F] linen and [G7] cold as the [C] clay

I can see by your [F] outfit, that [C] you are a [G7] cowboy
 These [C] words he did [F] say as I [C] boldly walked [G7] by
 Come and [C] sit down [F] beside me and [C] hear my sad [G7] story
 I'm [C] shot in the [F] breast, and I [G7] know I must [C] die

It was once in the [F] saddle I [C] used to go [G7] dashing
 [C] Once in the [F] saddle I [C] used to go [G7] gay
 [C] First to the [F] card-house, and [C] then down to [G7] Rosy's
 But I got [C] shot in the [F] breast, and [G7] I'm dying [C] today

Get six jolly [F] cowboys to [C] carry my [G7] coffin
 [C] Six dance-hall [F] maidens to [C] bear up my [G7] pall
 Throw [C] bunches of [F] roses all [C] over my [G7] coffin
 [C] Roses to [F] deaden the [G7] clods as they [C] fall

Then beat the drum [F] slowly and [C] play the fife [G7] lowly
 [C] Play the [F] dead march as you [C] carry me [G7] along
 Take me [C] to the green [F] valley, [C] lay the sod [G7] o'er me
 [C] I'm a young [F] cowboy, and I [G7] know I've done [C] wrong

Then go write a [F] letter to [C] my gray-haired [G7] mother
 And [C] tell her the [F] cowboy that [C] she loved is [G7] gone
 But [C] please not one [F] word of the [C] man who had [G7] killed me
 Don't [C] mention his [F] name and his [G7] name will pass [C] on

When thus he had [F] spoken the [C] hot sun was [G7] setting
 The [C] streets of [F] Laredo grew [C] cold as the [G7] clay
 We [C] took the young [F] cowboy down [C] to the green [G7] valley
 And there [C] stands his [F] marker we [G7] made to this [C] day

We beat the drum [F] slowly, [C] played the fife [G7] lowly
 [C] Played the dead [F] march as we [C] carried him [G7] along
 Down [C] in the green [F] valley, [C] laid the sod [G7] oe'r him
 He [C] was a young [F] cowboy and he [G7] said he'd done [C] wrong.

