

The Rose Of The San Joaquin⁵⁵⁵

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Intro - G Em G Em

G **Bm** **C** **G**
Farewell to the lights of Madera, I'm leaving with the wind at my back

G **Bm** **C** **G**
Tell all of my friends in Dos Palos, I'm gone but I'll be circling back
G **Em**

Now I'm crossing the Chowchilla River

G **Em**
By the light of a ragged moonbeam
C **Cm** **G** **Em**
and I miss the Rose of San Joaquin

(Em) **G** **Bm** **C** **G**
I'll miss the sun on the Sierra Nevadas... adobe moon on the rise

G **Bm** **C** **G**
Shining down on my love in Madera, shining into her dark Spanish eyes
G **Em**

Oh she taught me those Mexican love songs
G **Em**

"Volver, Volver" in my dreams
C **Cm** **G**
And I miss the Rose of San Joaquin

G **Em**
Caught somewhere between
C **Cm** **G** **Em**
The road and the Rose of San Joaquin

(Em) **G** **Bm** **C** **G**
Now her black hair fell on the blanket in the tall grass wet with the dew

G **Bm**
Making love through the night by the river
C **G**

Oh, Magdalene how my heart cries for you
G **Em**

Alone on this highway of darkness
G **Em**

You are the light of my dreams
C **Cm** **G**
And I miss the Rose of San Joaquin

G **Em**
Caught somewhere between
C **Cm** **G** **Em** **G** **Em** **G** **Em** **G**

The road and the Rose of San Joaquin

