Drinking cold cerveza in a boiling hot saloon Chasing shots of tequila, just about high noon Outside Nuevo Laredo, deep in no man's land Become a killer or be killed, face down in the Rio Grande

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Guns, drugs, and money, pick your poison or you die
Guns, drugs, and money, a pistol pressed to his head
Choose silver and you're rich, you gonna die if you choose lead

He had a suitcase full of money, plenty of ammo for his gun The sweat rolls down his dirty face, his plans have all come un done

It's just a matter of time, no matter how he tries He hears "Plata O Plomo, Gringo?" the last words before he dies

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