## **Across The Alley From The Alamo**

**Patti Austin** 

Across the alley from the Alamo Lived a pinto pony and a Navajo Who sang a sort of Indian Hi-de-ho To the people passing by

The pinto spent his time a-swhishin' flies And the Navajo watched the lazy skies And very rarely did they ever rest their eyes On the people passing by

One day they went a walkin'
Along the railroad track
They were swishin' not lookin'
Toot! Toot! They never came back

Across the alley from the Alamo
When the summer sun decides to settle low
A fly sings an Indian Hi-de-ho
To the people passing by

Across the alley from the Alamo Lived a pinto pony and a Navjo Who used to bake frijoles in cornmeal dough For the people passing by

They tho't that they would make some easy bucks
If they're washin' their frijoles in Duz and Lux
A pair of very conscientious clucks
To the people passing by

Then they took this cheap vacation
Their shoes were polished bright
No, they never heard the whistle
Toot! Toot! They're clear out of sight

Across the alley from the Alamo
Where the starlight beams its tender, tender glow
The beams go to sleep and there ain't no dough
For the people passing by