

The Girls From Texas

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Well, I met a girl from Texas 'bout a year ago
Hadn't known her for too long when I had to let her go
You see, she had a razor, was ten inches or so
And every night you'd hear her knocking at my door
She said, Baby, I'll give you the clothes on my back
You can have everything that I've got in my shack
But if you ever try to leave they'll take your out in sack
Cause me and my razor will see to that"
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I thought about my situation, decided not to tarry
For my own self preservation I decided we should marry
When the preacher started reading bout till death do us part
I told him, "Skip it, we had that understanding right from the start"
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That's the way the girls are from Texas Houston to San Antone
That's the way the girls are from Texas got to love'em right or
leave em alone
Well, we settled down, got me a little old job, 65 Fairlane Ford
Every Friday night I would stop in and cash my pay check down at the grocery store
They had a little girl worked in there, must have been about seventeen
She was the cutest thing I had ever seen
It's the same old story and I'm afraid it wasn't too very long
Before we had fallen deeply in love and I knew it was wrong
I said baby, we got to stop this thing right here
Or my woman is gonna cut my throat from ear to ear, that's right
Tearful suffocation, she looked up in my face
I could feel her heart was breaking as these sad words she did say
"You should have told me you was married, baby"
She pulled out a forty-five and let me have it, right smack between the eyes
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She was guilty, I was dead
Now, what'd you think that the old judge said ?
"Ah, that's just the way the girls are down here in Texas Case dismissed!"
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leave'em alone, boy