

# The Rose Of The San Joaquin<sup>555</sup>

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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

