The Ballad of Billy the Kid

Billy Joel

From a town Known as Wheeling West Virginia Note a boy with a .6 gun in his hand And his daring life of crime Made him a legend in his time East and West of the Rio Grande Well he started with a bank in Colorado In the pocket of his vest a colt he hid And his age and his size Took the teller by surprise Soon the word spread of Billy the Kid But he never traveled heavy Yes he always rode alone And he soon put many older guns to shame And he never had a sweet heart And he never had a home But the cowboy and the rancher knew his name While he robbed his way from Utah to Oklahoma And the law just could not seem to track him down And it served the legend well For the folks they loved to tell About when Billy the Kid came to town While one cold day a posse captured Billy And the judge said string him up For what he did And the cowboys and their kin like the sea came pourin' in to watch the hangin' of Billy the Kid And he never traveled heavy Yes he always rode alone And he soon put many older guns to shame And he never had a sweetheart But he finally found a home Underneath the boothill grave that bears his name From a town known as Oyster Bay Long Island Rode a boy with a six pack in his hands And his daring life of crime made him a legend in his time

East and West of the Rio Grande Finish

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