

# Streets of Laredo - c

[Intro]

C

[Verse]

C G7 C G7

As I walked out on the streets of Laredo

C Dm C G7

As I walked out on Laredo one day

C G7 C G7

I spied a young cowboy all wrapped in white linen

C C Dm C G C

Wrapped in white linen as cold as the clay

C G7 C G7

"I can see by your outfit that you are a cowboy"

C Dm C G7

These words he did say as I boldly walked by

C G7 C G7

"Come and sit down beside me and hear my sad story

C Dm C G7 C

I'm shot in the breast and I know I must die"

[Verse]

C G7 C G7

"It was once in the saddle, I used to go dashing

C Dm C G7

Once in the saddle, I used to go gay

C G7 C G7

First to the card-house and then down to Rose's

G7 C Dm C G7

**But I'm shot in the breast and I'm dying today**

**C G7 C G7**  
**Get six jolly cowboys to carry my coffin**

**C Dm C G7**  
**Six dance-hall maidens to bear up my pall**

**C G7 C G7**  
**Throw bunches of roses all over my coffin**

**C Dm G7 C**  
**Roses to deaden the clods as they fall"**

[Chorus]

**C G7 C G7**  
**"Then beat the drum slowly, play the Fife lowly**

**C Dm C G7**  
**Play the dead march as you carry me along**

**C G7 C G7**  
**Take me to the green valley, lay the sod o'er me**

**C Dm G7 C**  
**I'm a young cowboy and I know I've done wrong"**

[Verse]

**C G7 C G7**  
**"Then go write a letter to my grey-haired mother**

**C Dm C G7**  
**And tell her the cowboy that she loved has gone**

**C G7 C G7**  
**But please not one word of the man who had killed me**

**G7 C Dm C G7**  
**Don't mention his name and his name will pass on"**

**C** **G7** **C** **G7**  
When thus he had spoken, the hot sun was setting  
**C** **Dm** **C** **G7**  
The streets of Laredo grew cold as the clay  
**C** **G7** **C** **G7**  
We took the young cowboy down to the green valley  
**C** **Dm** **G7** **C**  
And there stands his marker we made to this day

[Chorus]

**C** **G7** **C** **G7**  
We beat the drum slowly, played the Fife lowly  
**C** **Dm** **C** **G7**  
Played the dead march as we carried him along  
**C** **G7** **C** **G7**  
Down in the green valley, laid the sod o'er him  
**C** **Dm** **G7** **C**  
He was a young cowboy and he said he'd done wrong"