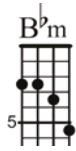


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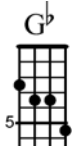
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mandolin chord arrangement by John Tauxe 31 Dec 2023: mando.tauxe.net

The original key is B flat minor.

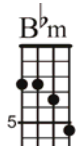
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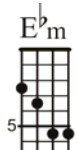
There is a tale from the Big Bend country,



And I heard it once, so long ago

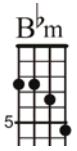


By firelight on the Rio Grande,

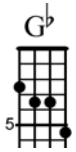


While the moon shown bright on Mexico.

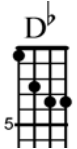
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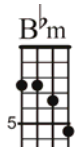
An aged one—an old compadre—



Told this to me as I to you.



The desert sun had burned his body,



But his eyes told me that the tale was true.

**A**

Years ago, up in the Chisos,  
Conquistadores, they mined for gold,  
And far below they built a prison.  
It was a bold presidio.

**B**

Early each and every morning  
The Spaniards led unto the hills  
Blindfolded slaves—a captive people—  
To work the mines and do their will.

## YODEL CHORUS

**A**

The years they fade like dying echoes.  
The way is lost. The trail is gone.  
All that remains is just the legend.  
The story ends; a passing song.

**B**

But if you stand at San Vincente  
And watch the sun on Easter morn,  
Where its first light falls on the mountains  
The way is shown, and the secret torn.

**B**

Listen well: If on the West wind  
The sounds of horses, they fill the air,  
Don't venture on; they guard the treasure  
From anyone - who enters there.

## YODEL CHORUS

**B**

There is a tale from the Big Bend country,  
And I heard it once, so long ago  
By firelight on the Rio Grande,  
While the moon shown bright on Mexico.

## YODEL CHORUS