

Yellow Rose of Texas

traditional (oldest lyrics below)

G **C^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G** **G**
There's a yellow girl in Tex as that I'm going down to see,
D7 **D7^(¾)** **Am7^(¼)** **D7^(¼)** **C^(¼)** **D7^(½)** **D7**
no other darkies know her, no dark ey only me.
G **C^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G** **G**
She cried so when I left her, it like to broke my heart.
D7 **Gsus4^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(½)** **G**
And if I only find her, we never more will part.

G **C^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G** **G**
She's the sweetest girl of color that this darkey ever knew.
D7 **D7^(¾)** **Am7^(¼)** **D7^(¼)** **Am7^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **D7**
Her eyes are bright as diamonds, and sparkle like the dew.
G **C^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G** **G**
You may talk about your Dear est May and sing of Rosa Lee.
D7 **Gsus4^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(¼)** **G^(½)** **D7^(½)** **G**
But the Yellow Rose of Tex beats the belles of Tennes see.

Where the Rio Grande is flowin', and starry skies are bright.
She walks along the river in the quiet summer night.
She thinks if I remember that we sang so long ago,
I promised to come back again and not to leave her so.

Oh now I'm going to find her, for my heart is full of woe,
And we'll sing the songs together, that we sung so long ago.
We'll play the banjo gaily, and we'll sing the songs of yore,
And the Yellow Rose of Texas shall be mine forevermore.