

Lyle Lovett, South Texas Girl

Saint Mother Maria
Watch over us please
As we wander around
In this dangerous world
Thank Mother Maria
There's nothing so sweet
As the undying love
Of a South Texas girl

Three in the front seat
They sat on each side
That green and white '58 Fairlane
It would glide

Down farm roads past open fields
Seeming like no big deal
As it was happening
I never felt a thing

But now looking back
It seems like it was everything
Singing with Mom
Just so we could hear ourselves sing

Stealing a drink
From the cold can in Daddy's lap
Protected by only
A small thin, brown paper sack

And the wind blew the echoes
Of long-faded voices
And they'd sing me a song
That the old cowboys sang
And I didn't know
What the words meant or anything
I was just singing
Because I was supposed to

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And with the windows wide open
It felt hot to us anyway
Three bound together
On a day just like any day

They told me and taught me
And showed me and bought me
Whatever I wanted
From the corner U-Totem

They said, "The name Corpus Christi
Means the body of Jesus.
Pronounce it Refugio,
City folks they don't know."

"It looks like Palacios

But sounds like Palacios
Just listen the next time
You're watchin' Sid Lasher."

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And I didn't know
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I was just singing

And these days with car seats
And open container laws
Social correctness
Leaves no room for Santa Claus

Sitting right next to me
She looks like that used to be
Song that they sang for me

And with the windows wide open
It feels hot to us anyway
Two bound together
On a day just like any day

The wind blows the echoes
Of long-faded voices
And they sing us a song
That the old cowboys sang

And now that I know
What the words mean and everything
I am still singing

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Saint Mother Maria
Watch over us please
As we stumble around
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