06 - Route 66 *EL PASO BOUND*

<VERSE 1>
Remember the time of stagecoach bank robbers
Masked men on horses from a different world
They had a charm while taking your money
Thought of themselves as entrepreneurs

<VERSE 2>
Instead of a character from a dime novel
A gunfighter lost in a blaze of glory
They chose a little virtue over vice
The outlaw poet from a true story

<VERSE 3>
Now, the Old Trails Road turned into a highway
Known today as Route 66
Now, there were big cars and long motor coaches
A new way to travel across the U.S.

<VERSE 4>
Just a step in time from the horse-drawn stagecoaches
Eighteen passengers boarded a Greyhound
Filled with high hopes to rise above the Depression
They left Oklahoma, El Paso bound

<CHORUS 1>
Dark was the night and hot was the weather
On the 7th of June 1931
When unknown to passengers quietly sleeping
Two desperate men boarded, concealing a gun

<VERSE 5>
They held tickets for the Texas town, Shamrock
All appeared peaceful, but alas, no such luck
Just barely outside the town of Texola
The driver felt a handgun to his back

<VERSE 6>
Demanding the driver quickly pull over (ooh)
Five men from two cars rushed on the bus (ooh)
Announcing quite calmly, "This is a robbery. (ooh)
Please step outside. We're in quite the rush." (ooh)

<VERSE 7>
Completing the search, claiming all of the money
They asked about family and "Where do you live?"
Giving back a little money to each of their victims
"Now, wire your loved ones and have some breakfast."

<CHORUS 2>
From the headlines came the banner news story
"This rivals the thrill of the Old West"
Wild, kind-hearted thieves and bank robbers
Acting so cavalier and chivalrous

<VERSE 8>
No one was harmed and the bus disabled
Away drove the gunmen ne'er to be found
The Texas sun rose onto a new morning
And a memory for everyone El Paso bound

<INSTRUMENTAL> mmm…

<VERSE 9>
So, from this story, I long for the romance (ooh)
With wide open spaces and painted sunsets (ooh)
Even when facing the chaos, you'll find (ooh)
The human condition as good as it gets

<OUTRO>
Mmm...