

## Bordertown

Dan Seals

In the quiet hours before the dawn  
Buttons up his uniform  
Takes out his badge and pins it on  
For thirty years he's enforced the law  
And he drives out on the Rio Grande  
Across the dry and sunburned land  
And on this side he takes his stand again

They won't get through this bordertown  
He turns 'em back, he stands his ground  
But still they come, because they know  
Somewhere the streets are paved with gold  
Somewhere beyond the sound of this bordertown

It's not his place to say what's fair  
He's done his duty all these years  
In his mind the law's the law  
But then at dusk she wades across  
And he sees the hope that's in her eyes  
Child with dreams of a brand new life  
It's not his job to say what's right or wrong

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As night falls over Mexico  
He waits there as she comes ashore  
Finished, there's a moment of faith  
He turns his back and he walks away