The Yellow Rose of Texas

Traditional American folk song attributed
To Edwin Christy (1853), founder of Christy’s Minstrels.
Arranged by Don George for Mitch Miller (1955).
The recording knocked Bill Haley’s “Rock Around The Clock” from the top of the charts
The song was featured in the movie “Giant”, and reached the #1 spot
The week that “Giant” star James Dean died.

C       G       D7       G       G
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G
There’s a yellow rose in Texas that I am gonna see
D7
Nobody else could miss her not half as much as me
G
She cried so when I left her it like to broke my heart
C       G       D7       G       G
And if I ever find her we never more will part

G
She’s the sweetest little rose bud that Texas ever knew
D7
Her eyes are bright as diamonds they sparkle like the dew
G
You may talk about your Clementine and sing of Rosa Lee
C       G       D7       G
But the yellow rose of Texas is the only girl for me
C       G       D7       G       G
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G
Where the Rio Grande is flowing and the starry skies are bright
D7
She walks along the river in the quiet summer night
G
I know that she remembers when we parted long ago
C       G       D7       G       G
I promise to return and not to leave her so
G
She's the sweetest little rose bud that Texas ever knew
D7
Her eyes are bright as diamonds they sparkle like the dew
G
You may talk about your Clementine and sing of Rosa Lee
C  G  D7  G  G
But the yellow rose of Texas is the only girl for me
C  G  D7  G  G

G
Now I'm gonna find her for my heart is full of woe
D7
We'll do the things together we did so long ago
G
We'll play the banjo gaily she'll love me like before
C  G  D7  G  G
And the yellow rose of Texas shall be mine forever more
C  G  D7  G  G

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