

Down in Mexico

(Jerry Leiber / Mike Stoller, 1956)

The Coasters: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kahp_kmOFzQ

[Il refrain diviene una sezione indipendente e contiene il title hook: la sezione A dunque si allunga considerevolmente, ma la forma complessiva AABA di Tin Pan Alley resta ancora ben riconoscibile]

Down in Mexicali

There's a crazy little place that I know

Where the drinks are hotter than the chili sauce

And the boss is a cat named Joe

He wears a red bandana, plays a blues pianna

In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico**

He wears a purple sash, and a black moustache

In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico** → title hook

refrain

A1_x

Well, the first time that I saw him

He was sittin' on a piano stool

I said "Tell me dad, when does the fun begin?"

He just winked his eye and said "Man, be cool."

He wears a red bandana, plays a blues pianna

In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico**

He wears a purple sash, and a black moustache

In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico** → title hook

refrain

A2_x

All of a sudden in walks this chick

Joe starts playing on a Latin kick

Around her waist she wore three fishnets

She started dancin' with the castanets

I didn't know just what to expect

She threw her arms around my neck

We started dancin' all around the floor

And then she did a dance I never saw before.

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(segue)

So if you're south of the border
I mean down in Mexico
And you want to get straight,
Man, don't hesitate
Just look up a cat named Joe.

He wears a red bandana, plays a blues pianna
In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico**
He wears a purple sash, and a black moustache
In a honky-tonk, **down in Mexico** —————▶ *title hook*

refrain

A3_x

Yeah, cómo está usted senorita?
Come with me to the border, south of the border, that is
In Mexico, yeah in Mexico
You can get your kicks in Mexico
Come with me baby, come with me, come with me, crazy, yeah

Coda parlata
in *fade out*