

# The Pearl of Arizona

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An outlaw needs a gun  
So of course our Pearl said "Whoopie I'll get two  
If one will stop a stage  
Just imagine what a second gun could do"

Now to do her outlaw thing  
She had to cut her hair and dress up like some toff  
She was the second girl to rob a stage  
And the first one not to get her head blown off

So rob a stage was just the thing  
That Pearl and sweetheart Joe Boot did  
They left the victims meal money  
Ran off for the desert where they hid

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The posse he found them easy  
The next morning they went up before the judge  
And he asked her to please guilty  
But our Pearl, she just would not budge

"I refuse to come before a court  
Of law that I'm accused of breaking  
A law that's passed by men alone  
And one that women had no part in making"

They threw her in a jail  
With forty men tough, mean and wild  
And let her out months later  
Surprised she was carrying a child

Now our Pearl goes down in history  
For her words and deeds of 1899  
She robbed a stage and gave 'em back  
A couple bucks and everybody's fine

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