

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
Suprised 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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