

When Rita Leaves

Tab Chords And Lyrics

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Intro – A-B7-E

She left a lipstick letter on the mirror - shattered on the bathroom floor
All I could put back together - was, "never see me no more."
Took all her clothes, but one red dress - The one she knows I like the best
All I could do- was clean up the mess - and wonder where she had gone

I had a sky blue ragtop Mustang – 1964
She drove it off into the night - 'til it just wouldn't go no more
She caught a ride on into town - Bought some gas and laid the top down
She burned that pony to the ground - on the desert in New Mexico

When Rita leaves, Rita's gone
She gave me every chance - a man could want
I've never known a love so strong - Or so crazy when she's been done wrong
When Rita leaves - Rita's gone

Break – E-B7-E-E7-A-Gb-E-B7-E

I put a call into her Mamasita - back in El Paso
She said she got the story from Rita - on her way to Mexico
Her Mama knew I was takin' it hard - Said she was sorry about my car
She said you're lucky all she broke was your heart - Better just let her go

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