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1821, Mexico won its independence from Spain,  
And Texas wasn't the state we know today.  
Back then, Texas was known as Tejas,  
A place that was grossly underpopulated.  
A Mexican state where Texians and Tejanos  
Both had a hand in this land like "dos manos."  
Tejanos were Texans of Mexican descent,  
Texians were Americans who began to settle land.  
And at first, the Mexican government welcomed them,  
But as the population grew, so did the tension.  
Soon the Mexican government enacted a law  
That wouldn't allow American immigrants at all.  
'Cause Mexico didn't think the Texians were changing,  
They wanted adoption of laws and assimilation.  
Relations were strained in this manner,  
1833, in stepped General Santa Anna.  
He wanted the most, wouldn't settle for less,  
Historians call him the Napoleon of the West.

Many in Mexico felt betrayed  
When Santa Anna threw their constitution away.  
Texians felt the sting and started to resist,  
Stephen Austin called for a Texan independence.  
The new Texas army prepared for a movement  
Led by commander Sam Houston.

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The defenders gathered in San Antonio  
With Travis and Bowie at the Alamo.  
'Cause the Alamo, an old Roman Catholic mission,  
Had become a fortress with a strategic position.  
Listen, these events you don't want to miss,  
February 1836,  
General Santa Anna threw up his fists  
To enlist thousands of troops to assist.  
But Colonel Travis, head of the Alamo defense,  
Recruited volunteers fighting at their own expense.  
Many believed in the cause, they heeded the call,  
200 defenders who'd rather die than withdraw.  
Then the sound of marching, it's not cattle, bro,  
1,500 troops surround the Alamo,  
Cannon fire and gunfights while they laid siege  
To the Alamo fort for two long weeks.  
Along with Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett,  
Their lives were lost, but the cause was solid.  
The Battle of the Alamo, a battle lost, but wait,

Texas would become an independent state.

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