

## Overture/Prelude - El Dorado

[Verse 1]

Walter: I'll tell you a tale of a land that I love

Jim: I'll spin you a story of passion and blood

Tom (or Jessie, as these are high notes): I'll leave you a legend that's lost to the wind

All: So gather, the story's about to begin.

[Verse 2)

Mullins: They say that some men are like water and oil

Tucker: Put 'em together, their blood starts to boil

Dearing (or Jessie, high notes): With fire in their bellies and steel in their hand

All: The fever to fight soon takes over a man.

[Verse 3]

Jessie: A century past, right on this hallowed spot

Parnell's: Brothers

Tucker and Dearing: and lawmen

Parnells, Tucker, and Dearing: stood firm and fought

Mullins: So, come back with me to a tale that is true

All: To old El Dorado in 1902.

**Spoken:** (Jessie):

Welcome to the Showdown at Sunset

The events we are going to show you

Came to fruition on October 9, 1902.

Walter: Some say the blame for the gunfight lies with us Parnells.

Tucker: Some say with me, Marshall Tucker.

Jessie: But, we simply don't know for sure. We leave it to you to decide if you're Pro-Tucker or Pro-Parnell.

Walter: Now, us Parnell's had a Mercantile store right there on the square (points)

Jim: And we were building another on the corner of Main and Washington. Right back there.

(points to Cadence Bank)

Tom: In fact, I do believe I see Miss Jessie making her way to our store right now. I guess we'd better hurry and open up.

## Parnell Store

[Verse 1, Miss Jessie]

Oh, Miss Jessie, you just might be the luckiest girl around

To live so independently in this lovely little town.  
Isn't this a pleasant place down here in this hollow  
I'm living the dream in this town of El Dorado. (mispronounce it as El Dorahdo).

[Verse 2, Parnells]

Walter: Miss Jessie, welp, we could not help but hear you as we followed  
Jim: We're really glad you like our town, but it's not called El Dorado.  
Tom: It's true, there ain't no finer folks this side of Laredo  
All Parnells: But, we'd sure 'preciate it if you called it El Dorado.

[Pre-Chorus]

Miss Jessie: (spoken) Oh, I'm so sorry, I keep forgetting!  
(sung) That sounds a little bit odd to me.

Walter: Come in and find some oddities  
Jim: Here inside our Mercantile Store  
Tom: Jim, open up the doors!

[Chorus]

Walter: Hey, Miss Jessie, it's a beautiful day, and the sun is on the meadow.  
Jim: Let me welcome you to the Parnell store In the heart of El Dorado.  
Tom: We've got a little of everything, and we don't mind if we say so.  
All Parnells: What can we get from the Parnell store in the heart of El Dorado?

Jessie (spoken): Well, what all have you got?  
Parnells: (spoken, exaggerated) What all have we got??

[Pre-Chorus]

Walter: Picks and shovels and shotgun shells  
Jim: Pins and buttons and ribbons and bows  
Tom: Rope, and pulley, and hammer, and nails  
Walter: Gingham, denim, Sunday clothes.  
Jim: Matches, charcoal, homemade wine  
Tom: Apples, oranges, black-eyed peas  
All: What can the Parnell's help you find?

Jessie (spoken): Silk stockings please?  
Brothers: (exclaimed) Whoa!  
Walter: spoken, embarrassed) Oh, uh, ladies' garments are down by the unmentionables.

[Chorus]

Parnells and Jessie: Hey, everybody, it's a beautiful day  
And the sun is on the meadow  
So, meet your friends at the Parnell store

In the heart of El Dorado  
We've got a little of everything  
And we don't mind if we say so  
Meet your friends at the Parnell store  
In the heart of El Dorado.