

Robert Palomo Plays Greg Connor's original song in St Petersburg Russia.

The Rose Of Las Cruces

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Last night I was invited to play at the residence of the US Consul General here in St. Petersburg at an event in honor of Bob Dylan's Nobel Prize. After I'd played the 2 Dylan tunes I'd planned, I was asked if I could do a short "Americana" set. I was kind of on the spot to think up suitable tunes I could pull off on short notice. So #3 ended up being "Rose of Las Cruces". The large mixed American and Russian audience loved it! OK, they were a bit boozed up by that time, but still. The second verse about the ex-boyfriend had 'em hootin'! I of course gave due credit to you and the great state of Minnesota, home of the tunafish casserole and fine songwriters.

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Honking Tree song comes to life

Greg Connor, who refers to himself as an amateur musician, didn't know much about the famed Honking Tree before it was chopped down in April.

But the story of it resonated with him, so he wrote a song about it as part of his New Year's Resolution to post a song a month on banjohangout.com. He has also written songs about Canal Park, the Aerial Lift Bridge and the Superior Hiking Trail.

"I'm just amazed that somebody would do that," Connor, 57, said of the vandalism. "I feel a little bit of a loss. The song I wrote is more in the direction of remembering it instead of feeling angry about it." The song combines guitar and banjo, and has the refrain: "Honking tree will live in our memories. The White Pine will always be there for me."

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