

# WHERE THE WILD ROSES GROW

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♩ = 56

Guitar chords: Gm (fr<sup>3</sup>), Cm (fr<sup>3</sup>), Gm/B<sup>b</sup> (x<sup>0</sup>o<sup>0</sup>x), Gm (fr<sup>3</sup>), F, Gm (fr<sup>3</sup>).  
Lyrics: They

## CHORUS

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Lyrics: call me the wild rose, but my

Guitar chords: B<sup>b</sup>, D<sup>7</sup>, Gm (fr<sup>3</sup>).  
Lyrics: name was E - li - sa Day. Why they call me it, I do not

Cm      Gm      F5 **4° To Coda**

know \_\_\_\_\_ for my name was E - li - sa

Gm      **MAN**      Gm      Bb



Day. 1. From the first day I saw her I knew she was the one as she  
*(Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)*

Cm      D7      Gm


stared in my eyes and smiled, for her lips were the col-our of the



Bb      Cm      D7      **GIRL**

ro - ses that grew down the ri - ver all blood - y and wild. When he

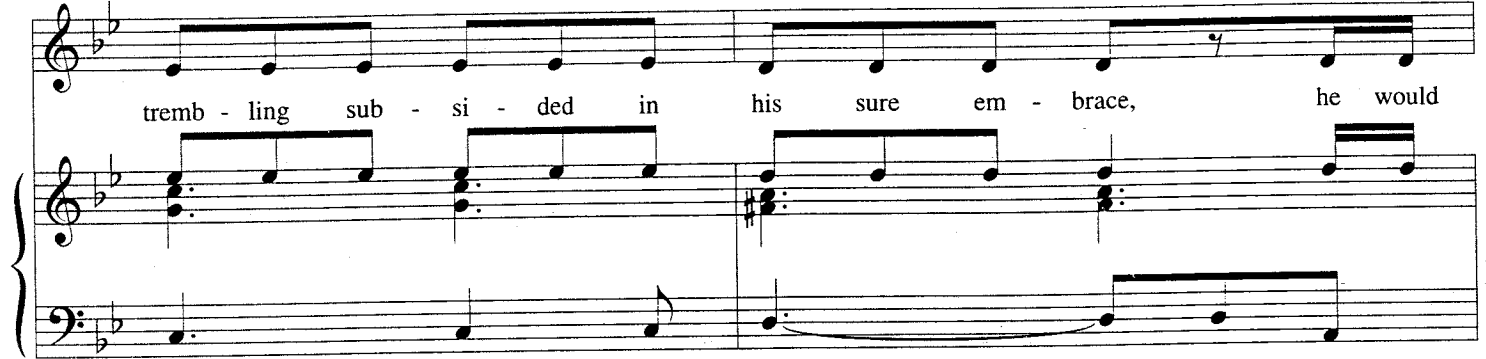
Gm  B<sup>b</sup> 

knocked on my door and entered the room, my



Cm  D7 


trembling subsided in his sure embrace, he would



Gm  B<sup>b</sup>  Cm 


be the first man and with a careful hand, he wiped at the tears that



D 

ran down my face. They

*Play 3 times*  
*D.%. at Coda*



⊕ Coda

The musical score for the Coda section consists of two systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The first system has the lyrics "Day. My name was E - li - sa". The second system has the lyrics "Day. For my name was E - li - sa Day.". Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: Gm (fr3) for the first system, and Gm (fr3), F5 (xxx), and Gm (fr3) for the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*Verse 2:*

(MAN) On the second day I brought her a flower  
 She was more beautiful than any woman I'd seen  
 I said, "Do you know where the wild roses grow  
 So sweet and scarlet and free?"

(GIRL) On the second day he came with a single red rose  
 He said "Give me your loss and your sorrow"  
 I nodded my head, as I lay on the bed  
 "If I show you the roses will you follow?"

*Verse 3:*

(GIRL) On the third day he took me to the river  
 He showed me the roses and we kissed  
 And the last thing I heard was a muttered word  
 As he knelt above me with a rock in his fist.

(MAN) On the last day I took her where the wild roses grow  
 And she lay on the bank, the wind light as a thief  
 And I kissed her goodbye, said, "All beauty must die"  
 And I leant down and planted a rose 'tween her teeth.