

Nick Cave - Where The Wild Roses Grow

Chorus:

Elisa:

Gm Cm Gm
They call me The Wild Rose

Bb D
But my name was Elisa Day

Gm Cm Gm
Why they call me it I do not know

F Gm
For my name was Elisa Day

verse:

He:

Gm Bb
From the first day I saw her I knew she was the one

Cm D
As she stared in my eyes and smiled

Gm Bb
For her lips were the color of the roses

Cm D
They grew down the river, all bloody and wild

verse:

Elisa:

When he knocked on my door and entered the room
My trembling subsided in his sure embrace
He would be my first man, and with a careful hand
He wiped the tears that ran down my face

verse:

He:

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?"

verse:

Elisa:

On the second day he came with a single rose
Said: "Will you give me your loss and your sorrow?"
I nodded my head, as I lay on the bed
He said, "If I show you the roses will you follow?"

verse:

Elisa:

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 stood smiling above me with a rock in his fist

verse:

He:

On the last day I took her where the wild roses grow
And she lay on the bank, the wind light as a thief
As I kissed her goodbye, I said, "All beauty must die"
And I lent down and planted a rose between her teeth

ending chorus:

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