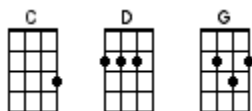


Van Lear Rose

Loretta Lynn, Patsy Lynn Russell 2004



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[G] One of my fondest memories
Was **[C]** sittin' on my daddy's knee
[G] Listenin' to the stories that he told **[G]**
[G] He'd pull out that old photograph
Like a **[C]** treasured memory from the past
And say **[G]** child, this **[D]** here's the Van Lear **[G]** Rose **[G]**

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Oh **[G]** how it would bring a smile
When he **[C]** talked about her big blue eyes
And **[G]** how her beauty ran down to her soul **[G]**
She'd **[G]** walk across the coal miners' yard
Them **[C]** miners would yell loud and hard
And they'd **[G]** dream, of who would **[D]** hold the Van Lear **[G]** Rose **[G]**

She was the **[C]** belle of Johnson County
Ohio **[G]** River to Big Sandy
A **[D]** beauty to behold, like a **[G]** diamond in the coal
All the **[C]** miners they would gather 'round
[G] Talk about the man that came to town
Right **[D]** under their nose
Stole the **[D]** heart of the Van Lear **[G]** Rose **[G] / [G] / [G] /**

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Now the **[G]** Van Lear Rose could've had her pick
And **[C]** all the fellers figured rich
Un-**[G]**til, this poor boy caught her eye **[G]**
His **[G]** buddies would all laugh and say
You're **[C]** dreamin' boy she'll never look your way
You'll **[G]** never ever **[D]** hold the Van Lear **[G]** Rose **[G]**

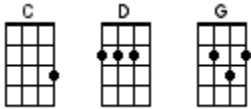
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[G]↓ Then one night in mid-July
[C]↓ Underneath that ol' blue Kentucky sky
[G]↓ Well, that poor boy won that beauty's heart / **1 2**
 Then my **[G]**↓ daddy would look at my mommy and smile
 As he **[C]**↓ brushed the hair back from my eyes and he'd say
 Your **[G]** mama **[D]** she's the Van Lear **[G]** Rose **[G]**

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