# Van Lear Rose

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G] / [G] / [G] /**

**[G]** One of my fondestmemories

Was **[C]** sittin' on my daddy's knee

**[G]** Listenin' to thestories that hetold **[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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Stole the **[D]** heart of 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 wonthat 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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