# Van Lear Rose

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**[D]** One of my fondestmemories

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

**[D]** Listenin' to thestories that hetold **[D]**

**[D]** He'd pull out that old photograph

Like a **[G]** treasured memory from the past

And say **[D]** child, this **[A]** here's the Van Lear **[D]** Rose **[D]**

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**[D]** Oh how it would bring a smile

When he **[G]** talked about her big blue eyes

And **[D]** how her beauty ran down to her soul **[D]**

**[D]** She'd walk across the coal miners' yard

Them **[G]** miners would yell loud and hard

And they'd **[D]** dream, of who would **[A]** hold the Van Lear **[D]** Rose **[D]**

She was the **[G]** belle of Johnson County

Ohio **[D]** River to Big Sandy

A **[A]** beauty to behold, like a **[D]** diamond in the coal

All the **[G]** miners they would gather 'round

**[D]** Talk about the man that came to town

Right **[A]** under their nose

Stole the **[A]** heart of the Van Lear **[D]** Rose **[D]**

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Now the **[D]** Van Lear Rose could've had her pick

And **[G]** all the fellers figured rich

Un-**[D]**til, this poor boy caught her eye **[D]**

His **[D]** buddies would all laugh and say

You're **[G]** dreamin' boy she'll never look your way

You'll **[D]** never ever **[A]** hold the Van Lear **[D]** Rose **[D]**

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**[D]** Then one night in mid-July

Under-**[G]**neath that ol' Kentucky sky

Well that **[D]** poor boy, wonthat beauty's heart **[D]**

My **[D]** daddy would look at my mommy and smile

Brushed the **[G]** hair back from my eyes and said

Your **[D]** mama **[A]** she's the Van Lear **[D]** Rose **[D]**

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