

Where the wild roses grow
Leonard Cohen and Nick Cave

Emi **Ami**
R: They called me The Wild Rose
Emi **G** **H**
But my name was Elisa Day
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Why they called me it I do not know
Emi **D** **Emi**
For my name was Elisa Day

He:

Emi **G**
1. From the first day I saw her I knew she was the one
Ami **H**
She stared in my eyes and smiled
Emi **G**
For her lips were the color of the roses
Ami **H**
That grew down the river, all bloody and wild

Elisa:

2. 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

R:

He:

3. 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?"

Elisa:

4. 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?"

R:

Elisa:

5. 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

He:

6. On the last day I took her where the wild roses grow

She lay on the bank, the wind light as a thief

And I kissed her goodbye, I said: "All beauty must die"

And I lent down and planted a rose 'tween her teeth

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