

# WHERE THE WILD ROSES GROW

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Capo 3rd fret

♩ = 56

Guitar chords: Gm, Cm, Gm, F, Gm

They

## CHORUS

Guitar chords: Gm, Cm, Gm

call me the wild rose, but my

Guitar chords: Bb, D, Gm

name was E - li - sa Day. Why they call me it, I do not

Chord diagrams: Cm, Gm, F<sup>5</sup>

4° To Coda ⊕

know ————— for my name was E - li - sa

Chord diagrams: Gm, Gm, B<sup>b</sup>

MAN

Day. 1. From the first day I saw her I knew she was the one as she  
(Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)

Chord diagrams: Cm, D, Gm


stared in my eyes and smiled, for her lips were the col - our of the

Chord diagrams: B<sup>b</sup>, Cm, D

GIRL


ro - ses that grew down the ri - ver all blood - y and wild. When he

Gm B $\flat$



knocked on my door and en - tered the room, my

Cm D



tremb - ling sub - si - ded in his sure em - brace, he would

Gm B $\flat$  Cm



be my first man and with a care - ful hand, he wiped at the tears that

D



ran down my face. They

*Play 3 times*  
*D.% al Coda*

⊕ Coda

Gm

F<sup>5</sup>

day. My name was E - li - sa

Gm

F<sup>5</sup>

Gm

Day. For my name was E - li - sa Day.

*Verse 2:*

(MAN) On the second day I brought her a flower  
 She was more beautiful than any woman I've seen  
 I said, "Do you know where the wild roses grow  
 So sweet and scarlet and free?"

(GIRL) On the second day he came with a single red rose  
 He said "Give me your loss and your sorrow"  
 I nodded my head, as I lay on the bed  
 "If I show you the roses will you follow?"

*Verse 3:*

(GIRL) 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 knelt above me with a rock in his fist.

(MAN) On the last day I took her where the wild roses grow  
 And she lay on the bank, the wind light as a thief  
 And I kissed her goodbye, said, "All beauty must die"  
 And I leant down and planted a rose 'tween her teeth.