

WHERE THE WILD ROSES GROW

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Capo 3rd fret

♩ = 56

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

Lyrics: They

CHORUS

Guitar chords: Gm, Cm, Gm

Lyrics: call me the wild rose, but my

Guitar chords: Bb, D, Gm

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

Cm Gm F5 4° To Coda ⊕

know for my name was E - li - sa

Gm Gm B♭

MAN



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

Cm D Gm

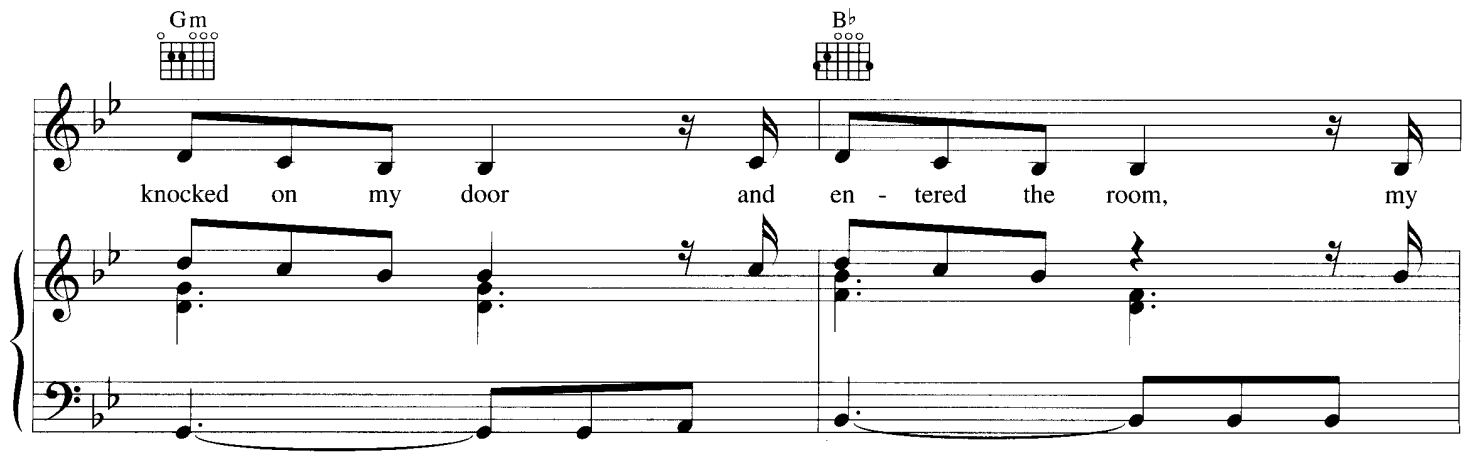
stared in my eyes and smiled, for her lips were the col-our of the



B♭ Cm D GIRL

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

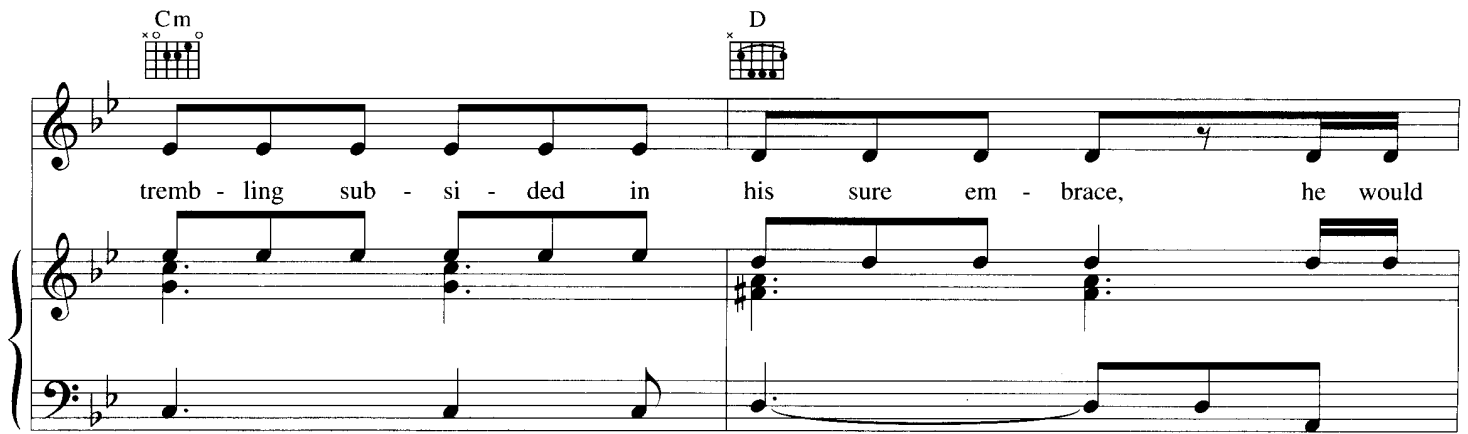
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

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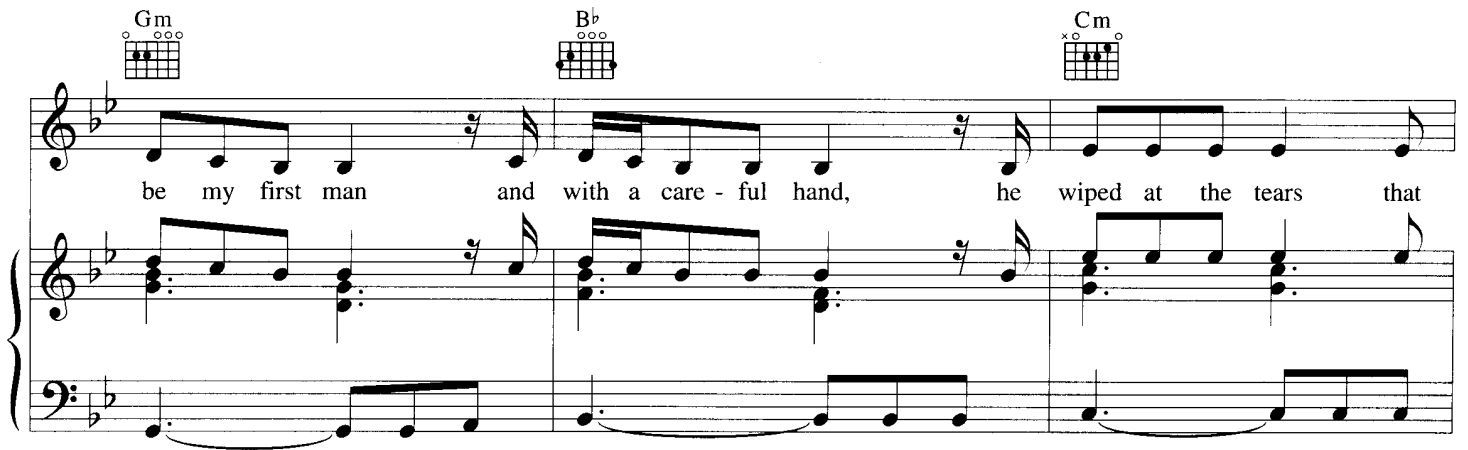
Cm  D 

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



Gm  Bb  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

F⁵

day. My name was E - li - sa

Gm

F⁵

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.