

Nellie Cane - Tim O'Brien (1979)

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As a young man I went riding out on the western plain

In the state of North Dakota I met my Nellie Kane, I met my Nellie Kane

She was living in a lonely cabin, with a son by another man

Five years she waited for him, long as a woman can, long as a woman can

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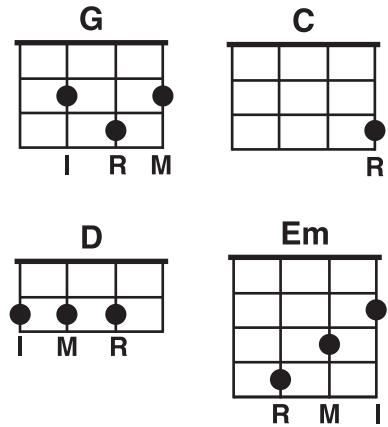
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Well I don't know what changed my mind

'Til then I was the ramblin' kind

This kind of love I can't explain

The love I have for Nellie Kane

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Well she took me in that morning, to help her till her land

In the afternoon we planted seeds; in the evening we held hands,  
in the evening we held hands

Her blue eyes told me everything a man could want to know

And it was then I re-ali-zed I could never go, I could never go

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Now many years have gone by, her son has grown up tall

I became a father to him and she became my all, she became my all

[CHORUS - Repeat last 2 lines]