

C  
 As a young man I went riding out on the western plain  
 C Am G  
 In the state of North Dakota I met my Nellie Kane, I met my  
 Nellie Kane  
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 She was living in a lonely cabin, with a son by another man  
 C Am G  
 Five years she had waited for him, as long as a woman can, as  
 C C7  
 long as a woman can

## CHORUS

F C  
 I don't know what changed my mind  
 G C  
 'Til then I was the ramblin' kind  
 F C  
 The kind of love I can't explain  
 G C  
 That I have for Nellie Kane

[SOLO BREAK]

Well she took me on to work that day, to help her till the 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 realized that I would never go, I would never  
 go

[CHORUS]

[SOLO BREAK]

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]

