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Where the Wild Roses Grow

(Murder Ballads, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, Mute Records, 1996)

1. Fill in the missing words.

Chorus:

They call me the wild _____
But my _____ was Elisa Day
Why they _____ me it I do not know
For my _____ was Elisa Day.



2. Write the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

From the first day I _____ (see) her I _____
(know) she _____ (be) the one
As she _____ (star) in my eyes and
_____ (smile)
For her lips _____ (be) the colour of the roses
That _____ (grow) down the river, all bloody and
wild

When he _____ (knock) on my door and
_____ (enter) the room

My trembling _____ (subside) in his sure embrace
He would be my first man, and with a careful hand
He _____ (wipe) at the tears that _____ (run) down my face

[Chorus]

3. Circle the word that you hear.

On the second day I **bought/brought** her a flower
She was **most/more/moore** beautiful than any **woman/women** I'd seen
I **sayed/said/sad**, "Do you know where the wild roses **grow/grown**
So sweet and scarlet and free?"

On the second day he **became/came/come** with a single red rose
He said: "Will you **give/gave/gift** me your loss and your sorrow?"
I **nodded/noded/nod** my head, as I **lie/lay/laid** on the bed
"If I show you the roses will you follow?"

[Chorus]

4. Number the verses of the last stanza (1-4 and 1-4) to put them into the correct order.

- ____ As he knelt above me with a rock in his fist
- ____ He showed me the roses and we kissed
- ____ On the third day he took me to the river
- ____ And the last thing I heard was a muttered word

- ____ And lent down and planted a rose between her teeth
- ____ And she lay on the bank, the wind light as a thief
- ____ On the last day I took her where the wild roses grow
- ____ As I kissed her goodbye, I said, "All beauty must die"