

# I Love You Nellie

Hank Snow

Standing in the moonlight by the old garden gate  
Nellie, my darlin', I know you will wait  
Wait for me, dearest, he said in tears  
Then I'll be your sweetheart through all the long years

I love you Nellie, yes I'll be true  
All these long years have been just for you  
And believe me, Nellie, when I'm far away  
I'll not forget you, I'll be with you someday

Early next morning at the break of day  
He was to journey so far away  
Drawing her nearer, his promised bride  
By the pale moonlight these words he replied

I love you Nellie, yes I'll be true  
All these long years have been just for you  
And believe me, Nellie, when I'm far away  
I'll not forget you, I'll be with you someday

Nellie my darling, I'm coming home  
The pilgrimage over, no longer to roam  
But the wedding was over, the knot had been tied  
And he found his own sweetheart another man's bride.

Later they found him lying cold on the grass  
A pistol beside him held so hard and fast  
Then came the note that explained the deed  
And in the pale moonlight these words you could read

I love you, Nellie, yes I've been true  
All of my life has been just for you  
And believe me, Nellie, when I'm far away  
I'll not forget you, though I fade fast away.