

# Darling Nelly Gray

sheet music key: E-flat

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There's a low green val - ley on the old Ken - tuck - y shore, There I've  
When the moon had climbed the moun - tain and the stars were shin - ing, too, Then I'd  
whiled man - y hap - py hours a - way, A sit - ting and a - sing - ing by the  
take my dar - ling Nel - ly Gray, And we'd float down the riv - er in my  
lit - tle cot - tage door Where lived my dar - ling Nel - ly Gray.  
lit - tle red ca - noe, While my ban - jo sweet - ly I would play.  
Oh! my poor Nel - ly Gray, they have tak - en you a - way, And I'll nev - er see my dar - ling an - y more, I'm  
sit - ting by the riv - er and I'm weep - ing all the day For you've gone from the old Ken - tuck - y shore.

One night I went to see her, but "She's gone!" the neighbors say,  
The white man bound her with his chain;  
They have taken her to Georgia for to wear her life away,  
As she toils in the cotton and the cane.

My canoe is under water and my banjo is unstrung,  
I'm tired of living any more,  
My eyes shall look downward and my song shall be unsung,  
While I stay on the old Kentucky shore.

My eyes are getting blinded and I cannot see my way;  
Hark! there's somebody knocking at the door —  
Oh! I hear the angels calling and I see my Nelly Gray,  
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore.

## Last Chorus

Oh! my darling Nelly Gray, up in heaven there they say,  
That they'll never take you from me any more,  
I'm a-coming, coming, coming, as the angels clear the way,  
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore!