

JOLENE LYRIC COMPARISON: TEACHER'S NOTES

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<p>Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene I beg of thee, pray take not my lord</p>	<p>Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene I'm begging of you please don't take my man</p>
<p>Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene I fear, from thee, 'twould take naught but a word</p>	<p>Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene Please don't take him just because you can</p>
<p>Thy beauty is beyond compare, with flaming locks of auburn hair</p>	<p>Your beauty is beyond compare With flaming locks of auburn hair</p>
<p>With ivory skin and eyes of emerald green Thy smile is like a breath of Spring</p>	<p>With ivory skin and eyes of emerald green Your smile is like a breath of spring</p>
<p>Thy voice is soft like summer rain And I cannot compete with thee, Jolene</p>	<p>Your voice is soft like summer rain I cannot compete with you, Jolene</p>
<p>He talketh of thee in his sleep And alas, I cannot keep from weeping When I hear thy name, Jolene</p>	<p>He talks about you in his sleep And there's nothing I can do to keep From crying when he calls your name, Jolene</p>
<p>Although it is so plain to see how little he doth mean to thee, My love for him is boundless as the sea</p>	<p>But I can easily understand How you could easily take my man But you don't know what he means to me, Jolene</p>
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<p>Thou couldst have thy choice of men, But I could never love again He is the only one for me, Jolene</p>	<p>You could have your choice of men I could never love again 'Cause he's the only one for me, Jolene</p>
<p>I would risk both life and limb To spend my only days with him My happiness is at thy whim, Jolene</p>	<p>But I had to have this talk with you My happiness depends on you And whatever you decide you'll do, Jolene</p>
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