

When the Bees Are in the Hive - Bill Monroe

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **C** My Key: ____

INTRO: **1** , **4** , **5** , **1**

By the **1** mill stream sits a Miller's pretty **4** daughter
And her **5** cheeks were like the first red rose of **1** June
While her **1** sweet voice sounded, like a rippling **4** water
As so **5** tenderly she hummed an old love **1** tune

But **6m** soon, her song of joy has turned to **3** sorrow
For her **6m** sweetheart now has come, to say good- **3** bye
She's **1** thinking of, the sadly, lonely **4** morrow
As he **5** kisses her and murmurs, with a **1** sigh

CHORUS:

When the **5** bees are in their hive
And the **1** honey's in the comb
And the **2** golden sunbeams bend, to kiss the **5** dew
While the **1** old mill wheel turns around, I'll love you **4** Mary
When the **5** bees are in their hive I'll, come to **1** you

INSTRUMENTAL: Same as **INTRO 2X**

CHORUS

EXTRA VERSES:

By the **1** mill stream sits a lonely maid a- **4** pining
And her **5** fancy, like the stream, rolls far a- **1** way
As she **1** looks into the silvery water **4** shining
She **5** sees her golden locks now tinged with **1** gray
Long **1** years she's waited there for his re- **4** turnin'
But-the **5** years pass by and her-waiting's all in **1** vain
As **1** she looks down the river for his **4** coming
So **5** tenderly she sings this old re- **1** frain

1 = C
2 = D
3 = E
4 = F
5 = G
6 = A