

**Nellie Takes Her Bow**  
**Electric Light Orchestra**

Nellie Takes Her Bow is from the No Answer album. It was the first ELO Album ever, back when Roy Wood was part of ELO.

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All music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne

**D** **D+** **Bm**  
Who thanked the Lord for the clothes that she wore and mended

**D7** **G** **A** **D**  
Nellie with the big old fashioned eyes

**D** **D+** **Bm**  
Who won the heart of a crowd tore apart, took a bow

**D7** **G** **A** **D**  
Nellie there s a different world backstage

(Chorus:)

**C** **Gmaj7**  
I see the flood lights burning

**C** **Gmaj7**  
I hear the band play on

**C** **Bm** **Am** **G** **G** **D**  
Now Nel---lie takes her bow

**D** **D+** **Bm**  
She said she really could not stay

**D7** **G** **A** **D**  
Nellie she had a brand new play to play

**D** **D+** **Bm** **D7**  
And so she paints her face and smiles

**G** **A** **D**  
And she ll be some one else in a while

(Chorus)

**D** **D+**  
Just another lonely girl who could not face a broken world

**Bm**  
And so she acts out all her dreams

**D7**  
and wishes that s how it had been

**G**  
But when the audience is near

**A** **D**  
It seems as though she doesn t seem to care

**D** **D+**  
Nellie just sent me a line to tell me she was doing fine

**Bm**  
She got the lead and on Brodway

**D7**  
And now they re digging her today

**G**  
And as she turns the final page

**A** **D**  
Living some one s life upon the stage

(Chorus)