

The Sorrowful Wife

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

Am

I married my wife on the day of the eclipse

Dm

Our friends awarded her courage with gifts

Am

Now as the nights grow longer and the season shifts

G

I look to my sorrowful wife

F G Am

Who is quietly tending her flowers

F G

Who is quietly tending her.....

(played over piano solo)

Am - Dm - Am - Dm - F - G - Am - Dm - Am - Dm

Am

The water is high on the beckoning river

Dm

I made her a promise I could not deliver

Am

And the cry of the birds sends a terrible shiver

G

Through me and my sorrowful wife

F G Am

Who is shifting the furniture around

F G

Who is shifting the furniture around

(played over piano solo)

Am - Dm - Am - Dm - F - G - Am - Dm - Am - Dm

Am

Now we sit beneath the knotted Yew

Dm

And the bluebells bob around our shoes

Am

The task of remembering the telltale clues

G

Goes to my lovely, my sorrowful wife

F G Am

Who is counting the days on her fingers

F G Dm

Who is counting the days on her.....

Am

Come on and help me babe

Dm

Come on now

Am

Help me babe

Dm

I was blind

F

The grass here grows long and high

G

Twists right up to the sky

Am

Dm

White clouds roll on by

Am

Come on now and help me babe

Dm

I was blind

Am

I was a fool babe

Dm

I was blind

Come on now

F

A loose wind last night blew down

G

Black trees bent to the ground

Am

Dm

Their blossoms made such a sound

That I could not hear myself think babe

Come on now

And help me babe

Help me now

I was blind

I was a fool