

[Am] Jolene [C] Jolene Jo[G]lene Jo[Am]lene  
 I'm [G] begging of you [Em] please don't take my [Am] man  
 [Am] Jolene [C] Jolene Jo[G]lene Jo[Am]lene  
 [G] Please don't take him [Em] just because you [Am] can.

# Jolene

Dolly Parton  
 1973

[Am] Your beauty is be[C]yond compare  
 With [G] flaming locks of [Am] auburn hair  
 With [G] ivory skin and [Em] eyes of emerald [Am] green.

[Am] Your smile is like a [C] breath of spring  
 Your [G] voice is soft like [Am] summer rain  
 And [G] I cannot com[Em]pete with you Jo[Am]lene.

[Am] He talks about you [C] in his sleep  
 And there's [G] nothing I can [Am] do to keep  
 From [G] crying when he [Em] calls your name Jo[Am]lene.

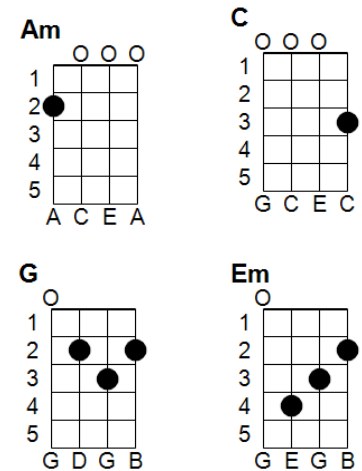
[Am] And I can easily [C] understand  
 How [G] you could easily [Am] take my man  
 But [G] you don't know what he [Em] means to me Jo[Am]lene {to chorus}

[Am] You can have your [C] choice of men  
 But [G] I could never [Am] love again  
 [G] He's the only [Em] one for me Jo[Am]lene.

[Am] I had to have this [C] talk with you  
 My [G] happiness de[Am]pends on you  
 And what[G]ever you de[Em]cide to do Jo[Am]lene {to chorus}

{end last chorus with this line} [G] Please don't take him [Em] even though you [Am] can.

[Am] Jolene, Jolene...



According to Dolly Parton, the song was inspired by a red-headed bank clerk who flirted with her husband Carl Dean at his local bank branch around the time they were newly married.