

# 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

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