

The *Water Lily* - Ralph Stanley

Bluegrass Classic, $\frac{3}{4}$ Time, Key of **E** My Key: ____

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

A **1** lonely young wife, in her **4** dream, in' dis- **1** cerns
A **1** lily decked pool, with a border of **5** ferns
And a **1** beau,tiful child with **4** butterfly **1** wings
Drifts **1** down, to the edge, of the **5** water and **1** sings

REFRAIN:

1 Come Mama come, **4** quick follow **1** me
Step **1** out on, the leaves of, the **5** water li- **1** ly

INSTRUMENTAL: **1** , **1** , **4** , **1**
1 , **1** , **5** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **1**

A **1** lonely young wife, her **4** heart beating **1** wild
Cries **1** wait 'til I come, 'til I reach you my **5** child
But the **1** beautiful child, with **4** butterfly **1** wings
Steps **1** out, on the leaves, of the **5** lily and **1** sings

REFRAIN / INSTRUMENTAL

And the **1** wife in her dreaming
Drifts **4** down to the **1** stream
But the **1** lily leaves sink, she wakes from her **5** dream
Oh the **1** waitin' is sad for, the **4** tears that it **1** brings
She **1** knows it's her dead baby's **5** spirit that **1** sings

REFRAIN 2X but slow last line

1 = E
4 = A
5 = B