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**CONDICIÓN. FUTURO (WILL)**



# Stand by your man

## Tammy Wynette

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh on May 5, 1942, on a cotton farm in Itawamba County, Mississippi, Tammy spent her youth picking cotton, working as a beautician, a waitress, and a shoe-factory employee before her rise to stardom.

By age seven, Tammy was working the cotton fields along with other relatives on the family farm. Her father's legacy -a piano, a guitar and the dream that his daughter would make music her life- became her only escape from the dull, arduous routine of farm life.

As a teenage bride she found times even harder than she'd known at home. She had two children within three years and her husband, an itinerant construction worker, was unemployed more often than not. Fed up with poverty, Tammy enrolled in beauty school in nearby Tupelo, funding her schooling with money given to her by her mother. Her shaky marriage crumbled, and while getting a divorce she worked 10 hour days as a hairdresser, after getting up at 4 a.m. each day to sing on the local "Country Boy Eddie" TV show.

In 1965 she began making regular trips to Nashville meeting producers and trying to attain a recording contract. In 1966, after months of rejections and on the brink of giving up, she made the decision to move to Nashville anyway. She had no job, no place to live, and three small children totally dependent on her.

She eventually auditioned for Epic records producer Billy Sherrill, who signed her and changed her stage name to Tammy. Within four short years, Tammy had won two Grammy's and sold more than 30 million records.

Her recording of "Stand By Your Man" is still the biggest selling single in the history of country music. No other female country singer conveyed the emotion of heartbreak like Tammy Wynette, by singing about topics of everyday life - divorce, loneliness, parenting, passion... Eventually her poor health caught up to her. Tammy passed away in her sleep at her home in Nashville, Tennessee on Monday, April 6, 1998.

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◆ **Can you explain the title of the song? What do you think 'stand by' means?**

- a) to support or help someone who is in a difficult situation
- b) to accept or bear something which is unpleasant or difficult
- c) to oppose, especially in defence

◆ **Listen to the song and fill in the blanks with the missing**

ADJECTIVES: \_\_\_\_\_ VERBS: .....

**The first letter of each word is given.**

Some times it's **h**\_\_\_\_\_ to be a woman  
 Givin' all your love to just one man  
 You'll have **b**\_\_\_\_\_ times and he'll have **g**\_\_\_\_\_ times  
 Doin' things that you don't **u**.....  
 But if you **l**..... him you'll **f**..... him  
 Even though he's **h**\_\_\_\_\_ to **u**.....  
 And if you **l**..... him, aww, be **p**..... of him  
 Cuz after all he's just a man

Stand by your man, **g**..... him two arms to cling to  
 And somethin' **w**\_\_\_\_\_ to come to when nights are **c**\_\_\_\_\_ and  
**l**\_\_\_\_\_  
 Stand by your man and **s**..... how the world you **l**..... him  
**K**..... givin' all the love you **c**.....  
 Stand by your man

Stand by your man and **s**..... how the world you **l**..... him  
**K**..... givin' all the love you **c**.....  
 Stand by your man

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**LANGUAGE NOTES:**

- ◆ **givin', doin', somethin' = giving, doing, something**
- ◆ **even though = although:** Even though he left school at 16, he still managed to become prime minister.
- ◆ **cuz' = 'cause, because**
- ◆ **cling to= to refuse to stop believing or hoping for something:** She clings to the hope that her husband will come back to her.

## KEY

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Sometimes it's hard to be a woman  
 Givin' all your love to just one man  
 You'll have bad times and he'll have good times  
 Doin' things that you don't understand  
 But if you love him you'll forgive him  
 Even though he's hard to understand  
 And if you love him, aww, be proud of him  
 Cuz after all he's just a man

Stand by your man, give him two arms to cling to  
 And somethin' warm to come to when nights are cold and lonely  
 Stand by your man and show the world you love him  
Keep givin' all the love you can  
 Stand by your man

Stand by your man and show the world you love him  
Keep givin' all the love you can  
 Stand by your man