

## Silverstein Shel

### "Hey Nelly Nelly"

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HEY NELLY NELLY

Hey Nelly Nelly, come to the window

Hey Nelly Nelly look at what I see

He's riding into town on a sway back mule

Got a tall black hat and he looks like a fool

He sure is talkin' like he's been to school

And it's 1853

Hey Nelly Nelly, listen what he's sayin'

Hey Nelly Nelly, he says it's gettin' late

And he says them black folks should all be free

To walk around the same as you and me

He's talkin' 'bout a thing he calls democracy

And it's 1858

Hey Nelly Nelly hear the band a playing

Hey Nelly Nelly, hand me down my gun

"Cause the men are cheerin' and the boys are too

They're all puttin' on their coats of blue

I can't sit around here and talk to you

"Cause it's 1861

Hey Nelly Nelly, Come to the window

Hey Nelly Nelly, I've come back alive

My coat of blue is stained with red

And the man in the tall black hat is dead

We sure will remember all the things he said

In 1865

Hey Nelly Nelly, come to the window

Hey Nelly Nelly, look at what I see

I see white folks and colored walkin' side by side

They're walkin' in a column that's a century wide

It's still a long and a hard and a bloody ride

In 1963

@war @America @Civil war @Civil rights @blacks

by Shel Silverstein and Jim Friedman

recorded by Judy Collins

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