

## ***Essential Listening for the Month of Love***

February 14 being Valentine's Day, Essential listening searched for positive bluegrass songs about love. That's not an easy task, as we're sure you're all aware that a LOT of bluegrass music is about loss: lost love, lost parents, crime, murder, and more.

So happily, there are bluegrass songs that DO celebrate the joys of love. Here's a list of 14 of the best that you can (if you dare) play for your love on Valentine's Day, or anytime you want to hear some joyful, uplifting bluegrass music about love.

And as you might be thinking that things are not going swimmingly with your love life, we've included 14 more songs that speak to difficult relationships and lost love. Maybe these songs will help you get through the hard times.

And yes, many of the viewpoints are from the male perspective, as bluegrass music has been male-dominated for a long time. We're working on a future Essential Listening focused on the influence of women in bluegrass. Stay tuned. Celebrate love.

Happy February 14th!

### ***Love Songs:***

**I'll Love Nobody But You** – Jim & Jesse – promises, promises!

<https://youtu.be/ToGl9lw2ccE>

**A Good Woman's Love** – Bill Monroe – redemption by love

<https://youtu.be/vCgtalxzLEk>

**When You Say Nothing At All** – Keith Whitley and Alison Krauss – a sweet duet that never happened as Keith Whitley died too young. Someone put their two versions together in a lovely faux duet.

<https://youtu.be/FPeD8knJxz4>

**Ocean Of Diamonds** – Jimmy Martin, JD Crowe – what would you give for love?

<https://youtu.be/rS5lVFUhgUQ>

**It's Grand to Have Someone to Love You** – The Traditional Grass, written by Reno & Smiley

<https://youtu.be/DY7u04uYdOo>

**Good Things (Outweigh the Bad)** – Chatham Rabbits – a new husband and wife duo that you should follow. [https://youtu.be/Ja2\\_rC1EXyY](https://youtu.be/Ja2_rC1EXyY)

**All About You** – Doc & Dawg – that's Doc Watson and David Grisman singing this happy tune.

[https://youtu.be/NuRgU7yz8\\_s](https://youtu.be/NuRgU7yz8_s)

**One More Love Song** – New Grass Revival (with a young Bela Fleck in 1987) – first 3 minutes then a jam tune.

<https://youtu.be/-sAuLzex6QE>

**Before I Met You** – Flatt and Scruggs, with Curly Seckler–mandolin and Paul Warren–fiddle

<https://youtu.be/FtNxyOhQNBc>

**This Heart of Mine** – early New Grass Revival live in 1977

<https://youtu.be/zgoQklINGMA>

**Little Girl of Mine in Tennessee** – Sam Bush and Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas and Dirk Powell

<https://youtu.be/9cl3EZGUwm8>

**I Could Change My Mind** – The Boxcars – love conquers all.

<https://youtu.be/Ezj9bFuq5ro>

**Sweet Little Miss Blue Eyes** – Jim and Jesse – classic bluegrass from 1976

<https://youtu.be/qJ8GYz5OYeo>

**If I Needed You** – Emmylou Harris, Sam Bush, and Jon Randall – just a beautiful love song.  
[https://youtu.be/J1wjkG-\\_R84](https://youtu.be/J1wjkG-_R84)

**Love Problems:**

**I'm Head Over Heels In Love** – Flatt & Scruggs – unrequited love.  
<https://youtu.be/iRUSn94Nk9U>

**Old Love Letters** – George Shuffler and Ralph Stanley – burning old memories.  
<https://youtu.be/RnVelGnKo3g>

**Love and Wealth** – Here Today: David Grisman, Herb Pedersen, Vince Gill, Jim Buchanan and Emory Gordy Jr. – such a good break up wish.  
<https://youtu.be/RcrRqNDW190>

**If It Hadn't Been for Love** – The Steeldrivers – love gone wrong.  
<https://youtu.be/YSzIV6VNqI4>

**Love For An Angel** – Ricky Bowman – still smitten by a lost love.  
<https://youtu.be/zYoS7xeINuw>

**Cabin of Love** – Peter Rowan and the Nashville Bluegrass Band – still a dream.  
<https://youtu.be/UEV1IXzVLkM>

**Come Home** – Chatham Rabbits – the title says it all.  
<https://youtu.be/qPxrcyJfIAU>

**Toy Heart** – The Bluegrass Album Band – fragile love.  
[https://youtu.be/Wg3NX9\\_qMe8](https://youtu.be/Wg3NX9_qMe8)

**No One Can Love You Dear (The Way I Do)** – Lonesome River Band – clearly a male point of view.  
<https://youtu.be/SfovgHNISfw>

**I Don't Love Nobody** – instrumental – Byron Berline and Doug Dillard with Billy Constable playing a hot guitar break, Bill Bryson on bass, Ray Park, and Skip Conover – great title.  
<https://youtu.be/1n-boVyrAQc>

**Here I Am In Love Again** – Don Rigsby – do overs are thing.  
<https://youtu.be/lDxNAogRmY8>

**My Love Will Not Change** – The Del McCoury Band –  
<https://youtu.be/MusETJWem1l>

**Teardrops in My Eyes** – Red Allen, Harley Allen, David Grisman, Stuart Duncan – classic  
<https://youtu.be/TwBPoLkzLjo>