**WHEN IT’S SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA**

written by Tillman Ben Franks Sr., recorded by Johnny Horton 1959

This version is Hank Snow’s cover.

**INTRO: [C]/[C]**

When it's **[C]** springtime in Alaska, it's **[F]** forty be-**[C]**low **[C]**

I **[C]** mushed from Port Barren through a **[G7]** blizzard of **[C]** snow

**[C]** Been out prospecting for two years or so

**[C]** Pulled into Fairbanks, the city was a boon

So I **[C]** took a little stroll to the **[F]** Red Dog Sa-**[C]**loon **[C]**

As I **[C]** walked in the door, the **[G7]** music was **[C]** clear

The **[C]** prettiest voice I had heard in two years

The **[C]** song she was singing made a man's blood run cold

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It was **[C]** Red-headed Lil who was **[G7]** singing so **[C]** sweet

I **[C]** reached down and took the snow packs off my feet

I **[C]** reached for the gal who was singing the tune

We did the **[C]** Eskimo Hop all a-**[F]**round the sa-**[C]**loon **[C]**

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

We did the **[C]** Eskimo Hop all a-**[F]**round the sa-**[C]**loon **[C]**

With the **[C]** Caribou Crawl and the **[G7]** Grizzly Bear **[C]** Hug

**[C]** We did our dance on a Kodiak rug

The **[C]** song she kept singing made a man's blood run cold

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**[C]** I was as innocent **[G7]** as I could **[C]** be

I **[C]** didn't know Lil was big Ed's wife to be

He **[C]** took out his knife and he gave it a throw

When it's **[C]** springtime in Alaska, I'll be **[F]** six feet be-**[C]**low **[C]**

**Outro:**

When it's **[C]** springtime in Alaska, he'll be **[F]** six feet be-**[C]**low **[C]**

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