

Tammy

Debbie Reynolds

I hear the cottonwoods whisperin' above:
Tammy! Tammy! Tammy's in love!
The old hootie owl hootie-hoo's to the dove:
Tammy! Tammy! Tammy's in love!

Does my lover feel what I feel
When he comes near?
My heart beats so joyfully,
You'd think that he could hear!

Wish I knew if he knew what I'm dreaming of!
Tammy! Tammy! Tammy's in love!

Whippoorwill, whippoorwill, you and I know:
Tammy! Tammy! Can't let him go!

The breeze from the bayou keeps murmuring low:
Tammy! Tammy! You love him so!

When the night is warm, soft and warm
I long for his charms!
I'd sing like a violin, if I were in his arms.

Wish I knew if he knew what I'm dreaming of!
Tammy, Tammy, Tammy's in love!

"Tammy" was written by Jay Livingston, with lyrics by Ray Evans. It was published in 1957 and made its debut in the film *Tammy and the Bachelor*. It was nominated for the 1957 Oscar for Best Original Song. "Tammy" is heard in the film in two versions. The one that became a number one hit single for actress and singer Debbie Reynolds is heard midway through the film. The version used for the film's main titles was a hit for the Ames Brothers. The Debbie Reynolds version first reached the Billboard charts in July 1957 and peaked at No. 1 on all the US charts: the Disk Jockey chart, the Best Seller chart, and the composite chart of the top 100 songs.