

**Sham-A-Ling-Dong-Ding**

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Song: Sham-a-ling-dong-ding

Capo: 2 fret

[Verse 1]

D-Bm7-Em7-A7-D-Em7,A7 (Em to A change walks up F#,G,A)

The boys were singing shing-a-ling  
The summer night we met  
You were tan and seventeen  
O how could I forget  
When every star from near and far  
Was watching from above  
Watching two teenagers fall in love

[Verse 2]

D-Bm7-Em7-A7-D-Em7,A7(Gm add9/D)

The way we danced was not a dance  
But more a long embrace  
We held on to each other and  
We floated there in space  
And I was shy to kiss you while  
The whole wide world could see  
So shing-a-ling said everything for me

[Chorus]

Em7,A7,D,Bm7,F#m7,Em7,A7sus4,sus9

And O the poor old old folks  
They thought we d lost our minds  
They could not make heads or tails  
Of the young folks funny rhymes

D-Bm7-Em7-A7

But you and I knew all the words  
And we always sang along to  
O sham-a-ling-dong-ding  
Sham-a-ling-dang-dong

[Verse 3]

D-Bm7-Em7-A7-D-Em7,A7

So after years and after tears  
And after summers past  
The old folks tried to warn us  
How our love would never last  
And all we d get was soaking wet  
From walking in the rain  
And singing sham-a-shing-a-ling again

[Chorus 2]

Em7,A7,D,Bm7,F#m7,Em7,A7sus4,sus9  
And O the poor old old folks  
They smile and walk away  
But I bet they did some  
Sham-a-lama-ding-dong in their day

D-Bm7-Em7-A7

I bet that they still close their eyes  
And I bet they sing along to  
O sham-a-ling-dong-ding  
Sham-a-ling-dang-dong

[Bridge]

Bm7-D-Bm7-Em7-A7  
O those sweet old love songs  
Every word rings true  
Sham-a-ling-dong-ding means sweetheart  
Sham-a-ling-dang-dong does too

[Verse]

D-Bm7-Em7-A7  
And it means that right here in my arms  
That s where you belong  
And it means sham-a-ling-dong-ding  
Sham-a-ling-dang-dong