

**The Mummers Dance**  
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[Intro] Dm F C Dm Bb C Dm

Dm C  
When in the springtime of the year  
Am Dm  
When the trees are crowned with leaves  
C  
When the ash and oak, and the birch and yew  
Am Dm  
Are dressed in ribbons fair  
C  
When owls call the breathless moon  
Am Dm  
In the blue veil of the night  
C  
The shadows of the trees appear  
Am Dm  
Amidst the lantern light  
  
Dm C  
We ve been rambling all the night  
G Dm  
And some time of this day  
C  
Now returning back again  
G Dm Dm C Bb C Dm  
We bring a garland gay  
  
Dm C  
Who will go down to those shady groves  
Am Dm  
And summon the shadows there  
C  
And tie a ribbon on those sheltering arms  
Am Dm  
In the springtime of the year  
C  
The songs of birds seem to fill the wood  
Am Dm  
That when the fiddler plays  
C  
All their voices can be heard  
Am Dm  
Long past their woodland days  
  
Dm C  
We ve been rambling all the night

**G** **Dm**  
 And some time of this day  
**C**  
 Now returning back again  
**G** **Dm** **Dm** **C** **Bb** **C** **Dm**  
 We bring a garland gay  
  
**Dm** **C**  
 And so they linked their hands and danced  
**Am** **Dm**  
 Round in circles and in rows  
**C**  
 And so the journey of the night descends  
**Am** **Dm**  
 When all the shades are gone  
**C**  
 A garland gay we bring you here  
**Am** **Dm**  
 And at your door we stand  
**C**  
 It is a sprout well budded out  
**Am** **Dm**  
 The work of Our Lord s hand  
  
**Dm** **C**  
 We ve been rambling all the night  
**G** **Dm**  
 And some time of this day  
**C**  
 Now returning back again  
**G** **Dm** **Dm** **C** **Bb** **C** **Dm**  
 We bring a garland gay