

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 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