

Spring Sing 2021

May Day Carol

I've been a-wandering all this night
And the best part of the day
But when I come back home again
I will bring you a branch of May

A branch of May I bring you here
And at your door I stand
'Tis nothing but a sprout, but it's well budded out
By the work of God's own hand

The life of Man is but a span
He's cut down like the grass

But here's to the green leaf on the tree
As long as life shall last

The moon shines bright, the stars give a light
A little before 'tis day
We call once more unto your house
All in this month of May

My song is done, I must be gone,
No longer can I stay
God bless you all, both great and small
And send you a joyful May

Country Life

Chorus

O I like to rise when the sun she rises, early in the morning;
I like to hear them small birds singing merrily upon their laylums;
And hurrah for the life of a country boy and to ramble in the new-mown hay.

1. In spring we sow, at the harvest mow, and that is how the seasons around they go,
But of all the things if choose I may 'twould be rambling through the new-mown hay.

Chorus

2. In winter when the sky is gray, we hedge and we ditch our times away,
But in the summer when the sun shines gay we go rambling through the new-mown hay.

Chorus

Drive Dull Care Away

Oh, why should we our lot complain
Or grieve at our distress?
Some think if they could riches gain
T'would be true happiness
But alas how vain is all their strife
Life's cares it will not allay
So while we're here with our friends so dear
We'll drive dull care away:

Chorus

Away, away, away, away
We will drive dull care away
So while we're here with our friends so dear
We'll drive dull care away.

Why should the rich despise the poor?
Why should the poor repine?
When we shall all in a few short years
In equal friendship join
They're both to blame, they're all the same
We are all made of one clay,
So while we're here with our friends so dear

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All out in the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All out in the world, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

We'll drive dull care away:

Chorus

The only circumstance in life
That I could ever find
To conquer care or temper strife
Was a contented mind
With this in store we have much more
Than all things else can convey
So while we're here with our friends so dear
We'll drive dull care away:

Chorus

So let us make the best of life
Not rendering it a curse
But take it as you would a spouse
For better or for worse
Life at its best is but a jest
Like a dreary winter's day
So while we're here with our friends so dear
We'll drive dull care away:

Chorus

While out in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine
While out in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

While I'm feelin 'sad, I'm gonna let it shine
While I'm feelin 'sad, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

In our Spring Sing, I'm gonna let it shine
In our Spring Sing, I'm gonna let it shine (2x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Let it....SHINE!!!!

Julian of Norwich

Chorus:

Ring out! bells of Norwich, and let the winter come and go.
All shall be well again, I know.

Loud are the bells of Norwich and the people come and go
Here by the Tower of Julian I tell them what I know.

Chorus

Love, like the yellow daffodil, is coming through the snow.
Love, like the yellow daffodil, is Lord of all I know.

Chorus

Ring for the yellow daffodil, the flower in the snow.
Ring for the yellow daffodil, and tell them what I know.

Chorus

All shall be well, I'm telling you, let the winter come and go!
All shall be well again, I know.

Chorus

Balymena

Balymena, Balymena, Balymena in the harbor (2x)

Take the Balymena to the dock and we paint the Balymena black (2x)

Brothers we are and sisters we'll be, you till the soil and I sail the sea
To the ship Balymena you gave your best, till the raging sea laid your soul to rest

Chorus:

Balymena, Balymena, Balymena in the harbor (2x)

Take the Balymena to the dock and we paint the Balymena black (2x)

No more, no more to hear the tale of how you tamed the mighty whale
Or the girl who waited so patiently will wait no more by the sea

Chorus (2x)

Mama Lay

Red Winged Blackbird

Thought I heard a red winged blackbird,
Red winged blackbird down my road. (2x)

Chorus:
Thought I heard a red winged blackbird,
Red winged blackbird down my road. (2x)

He'll be there beside the river,
When Winter finally breaks its bones,
He'll be king among the rushes,
He'll be master of his home.
Chorus

Safe as Moses in the rushes,
Builds his home on the river wide,
Every time I hear him singing,
Makes me feel like Spring inside.
Chorus

He'll be in there singing his heart out,
He'll be telling me stories too,
Of where he went to winter last year,
Of how he's going back there too.
Chorus

He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the Little Biddy Babies in His hands
He's got the Little Biddy Babies in His hands
He's got the Little Biddy Babies in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the Nurses and the Doctors in His hands
He's got the Nurses and the Doctors in His hands
(2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got You and Me Brotha, in His hands
He's got You and Me Sista, in His hands
He's got You and Me Brotha, in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got All Who Are Worried in His hands
He's got All Who Are Worried in His hands (2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got You and Your Family in His hands
He's got You and Your Family in His hands (2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got All of His Children in His hands
He's got All of His Children in His hands (2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got All of Our Spring Sing in His hands
He's got All of Our Spring Sing in His hands
He's got The Revels Spring Sing in His hands
He's got the whole world, the whole world
The whole world in His Hands!

Give Yourself to Love

Kind friends all gathered 'round, there's something I would say:
What brings us together here has blessed us all today.
Love has made a circle that holds us all inside.
Where strangers are as family, and loneliness can't hide.

You must give yourself to love if love is what you're after;
Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love, give yourself to love.

I've walked these mountains in the rain, I've learned to love the wind;
I've been up before the sunrise to watch the day begin.
I've always knew I'd find you, though I never did know how;
Like sunshine on a cloudy day you stand before me now.

Chorus

So give yourself to love if love is what you're after;
Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love, give yourself to love.

Love is born in fire; it's planted like a seed.
Love can't give you everything, but it gives you what you need.
Love comes when you're ready, love comes when you're afraid;
It'll be your greatest teacher, the best friend you have made.

Chorus (2x)

Air Fa La La lo

Chorus:

Air fa la la lo ho ro air fa la la lay (3x)
Fal dee fal o ho ro air fa la la lay

There's a lilt in the song I sing, there's laughter and love,
There's a tang o' the sea and blue from heaven above
Of care there's none and why should there be forby
As long as there's fire in the blood and a light in the eye
Chorus

The heather's ablaze wi' bloom the myrtle is sweet
There's a song in the air, the road's a song at our feet
So step it along as light as a bird on the wing
And stepping along we'll join our voices and sing
Chorus

And whether the blood be highland, lowland or no
And whether the skin be white or black as the sloe
Of kith and of kin we are one, be it right be it wrong
As long our hearts be true to the lilt of the song
Chorus

Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie

Chorus
Bring me little water, Sylvie,
Bring me little water now,
Bring me little water, Sylvie,
Every little once in a while.

Put it in a bucket, Sylvie,
Put it in a bucket now,
Put it in a bucket, Sylvie,
Every little once in a while.
Chorus

Sylvie come a-runnin',
Bucket in her hand,
I will bring you water
Fast as I can.
Chorus

Can't you hear me callin'?
Can't you hear me now?
I will bring you little water
Every little once in a while.
Chorus

The Wings of a Dove

If I had the wings of a dove (2x)
I would fly, fly away, fly away, and be at rest.

If I had the wings, if I had the wings,
If I had the wings then I would fly, fly, fly, fly,
If I had no wings, if I had no wings,
If I had no wings then I would sing, sing, sing, sing.

Mama, Lend Me your Pigeon

Mama, lend me your pigeon just to keep company with mine (2x)
My pigeon in the neighbor bush, my pigeon gone wild (2x)

Mama, lend me your rooster just to keep company with mine (2x)
My rooster in the neighbor yard, my rooster gone wild (2x)

Mama, lend me your duck just to keep company with mine (2x)
My duck in the neighbor bush, my duck gone wild (2x)

Mama, lend me you pigeon just to keep company with mine (2x)
My pigeon in the neighbor yard, my pigeon gone wild (2x)

How Can I Keep from Singing!

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul -- how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars? I hear the truth, it liveth
What though the darkness around me close, songs in the night it giveth
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Wild Mountain Thyme

O, the summer time is coming,
And the leaves are sweetly blooming,
And the wild mountain thyme
Grows around the purple heather;
Will ye go lassie, go?

Chorus:
And we'll all go together
To pull wild mountain thyme
All around the blooming heather;
Will ye go lassie go?

I will build my love a bower
By yon clear crystal fountain,
And on it I will pile
All the flowers of the mountain;
Will ye go, lassie go?

Chorus

If my true love she were gone,
I would surely find another
To pull wild mountain thyme
All around the purple heather;
Will ye go, lassie go?

Chorus