# The Mummers’ Dance (F)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Dm]** Oooooo **[F]** oooooo **[C]** oooooo **[Dm]** oooooo

**[Bb]** Oooooo **[C]2** ooo-ooo **[D]** oooooo **[D]**

When **[Dm]** in the springtime **[C]** of the year

When the **[Am]** trees are crowned with **[D]** leaves

When the **[Dm]** ash and oak, and the **[C]** birch and yew

Are **[Am]** dressed in ribbons **[D]** fair

When **[Dm]** owls call the **[C]** breathless moon

In the **[Am]** blue veil of the **[D]** night

The **[Dm]** shadows of the **[C]** trees appear

A-**[Am]↓**midst the lantern **[D]↓** light

**CHORUS:**

**[D]2** We've been rambling **[C]** all of the night

And for **[G]** some time of this **[D]** day

And **[D]2** now returning **[C]** back again

We **[G]** bring a garland **[D]** gay

**[C] / [Bb][C]2/ [D] / [D] /**

**[Dm]** Who will go down to those **[C]** shady groves

And **[Am]** summon the shadows **[D]** there

And **[Dm]** tie a ribbon on those **[C]** sheltering arms

In the **[Am]** springtime of the **[D]** year

The **[Dm]** songs of birds seem to **[C]** fill the wood

That **[Am]** when the fiddler **[D]** plays

**[Dm]** All their voices **[C]** can be heard

Long **[Am]↓** past their woodland **[D]↓** days

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**[C] / [Bb][Am] / [D] / [D] /**

**[Dm]** Oooooo **[F]** oooooo **[C]** oooooo **[Dm]** oooooo

**[Bb]** Oooooo **[C]2** ooo-ooo **[D]** oooooo **[D]**

And **[Dm]↓** so they linked their **[C]↓** hands and danced

Round in **[Am]↓** circles and in **[D]↓** rows

And **[Dm]↓** so the journey of the **[C]↓** night descends

When **[Am]↓** all the shades are **[D]↓** gone

“A **[Dm]↓** garland gay we **[C]↓** bring you here

And **[Am]↓** at your door we **[D]↓** stand

It **[Dm]↓** is a sprout well **[C]↓** budded out

The **[Am]↓** work of Our Lord's **[D]↓** hand"

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