

## **Rambles of Spring, led by Barry Galef**

There's a piercing wintry breeze  
Blowing through the budding trees  
And I button up my coat to keep me warm  
But the days are on the mend  
And I'm on the road again  
With my fiddle snuggled close beneath my arm

CHORUS:

I've a fine, felt hat  
And a strong pair of brogues  
I have rosin in my pocket for my bow  
O my fiddle strings are new  
And I've learned a tune or two  
So, I'm well prepared to ramble and must go

I'm as happy as a king  
When I catch a breath of spring  
And the grass is turning green as winter ends  
And the geese are on the wing  
And the thrushes start to sing  
And I'm headed down the road to see my friends

CHORUS

I have friends in every town  
As I wander up and down  
Making music at the markets and the fairs  
Through the donkeys and the creels  
And the farmers making deals  
And the yellow-headed tinkers selling wares

CHORUS

Here's a health to one and all  
To the big and to the small  
To the rich and poor alike and foe and friends  
And when I return again  
May our foes have turned to friends  
And may peace and joy be with you until then

CHORUS 2x

## **Whiskey in the Jar, led by Jennifer Cutting & Steve Winick**

As I was a goin' over the far-famed Kerry mountains  
I met with Captain Farrell and his money he was counting  
I first produced me pistol and I then produced me rapier  
Saying "Stand and deliver" for I am a bold deceiver

CHORUS:

Mush-a ring um-a-door-um-a-da (clap clap clap clap)  
Wack fall the daddy-o (clap clap) Wack fall the daddy-o  
There's whiskey in the jar.

I counted out his money and it made a pretty penny  
I put it in me pocket and I took it home to Jenny  
She sighed and she swore that she never would deceive me  
But the devil take the women for they never can be easy

CHORUS

I went to my chamber, all for to take a slumber  
I dreamt of gold and jewels, and sure it was no wonder  
But Jenny drew me charges and she filled them up with water  
Then sent for Captain Farrell to be ready for the slaughter

CHORUS

'Twas early in the morning, just before I rose to travel  
Up comes a band of footmen and likewise Captain Farrell  
I first produced me pistol for she'd stolen away me rapier  
But they couldn't shoot the water, so a prisoner I was taken

CHORUS

There's some take delight in the carriages a rolling  
and others take delight in the hurling and the bowling  
but I take delight in the juice of the barley  
and courting pretty fair maids in the morning bright and early

CHORUS

And if anyone can aid me 'tis my brother in the army  
If I can find his station in Cork or in Killarney  
And if he'll go with me, we'll go rovin' in Killkenney  
And I'm sure he'll treat me better than me own, me sporting Jenny

CHORUS 2x

**Fanga Alafia, led by Andrea Jones Blackford & Harold Blackford**

Fanga alafia, ashe, ashe,  
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Fanga, alafia, ashe ashe

Call: Ashe, ashe,  
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## **Hal-an-Tow, led by Mike Matheson**

CHORUS:

Hal-an-tow, jolly rumble O! We were up long before the day-O  
To welcome in the summer, to welcome in the May-O  
For summer is a comin-in and winter's gone away O!

1. Since we were first created, our words have been debated,  
And we have celebrated the coming of the Spring!

CHORUS

2. Robin Hood and Little John have both gone to the fair-O,  
And we will to the merry green wood to hunt the buck and hare-O!

CHORUS

3. What happened to the pirates that made so great a boast-O?  
They shall eat the feathered goose and we shall eat the roast-O!

CHORUS

4. God bless Aunt Mary Moses in all her pow'r and might-O,  
Send us peace in Washington, send peace both day and night-O.

CHORUS

## **Dona Dona, led by Jackie Berry**

On a wagon bound for market,  
There's a calf with a mournful eye.  
High above him there's a swallow  
Winging swiftly through the sky.

CHORUS:

How the winds are laughing,  
They laugh with all their might.  
Laugh and laugh the whole day through  
And half the summer's night.  
Dona, dona, dona...

“Stop complaining,” said the farmer,  
“Who told you a calf to be?  
Why don't you have wings to fly with  
Like the swallow, so proud and free?”

CHORUS

Calves are easily bound and slaughtered,  
Never knowing the reason why.  
But whoever treasures freedom,  
Like the swallow, has learned to fly.

CHORUS

## **Keep Your Hand on the Plow, led by Jim Harkless**

CHORUS:

Hold on

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Keep your hand on the plow, hold on

REPEAT CHORUS

Heard the voice of Jesus say

Come unto me, I am the way.

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

When my way gets dark as night,

I know the lord will be my light,

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

CHORUS

You can talk about me much as you please

The more you talk, gonna stay on my knees.

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

When I get to heaven, gonna sing and shout

Be nobody there to put me out.

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

I know my robe's gonna fit me well,

I tried it on at the gates of Hell.

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

CHORUS

## **Health to the Company, led by Grace VanderVeer**

Kind friends and companions, come join me in rhyme  
Come lift up your voices in chorus with mine  
Come lift up your voices, all grief to refrain  
For we may or might never all meet here again

CHORUS:

So here's a health to the company and one to my lass  
Let's drink and be merry all out of one glass  
Let's drink and be merry, all grief to refrain  
For we may or might never all meet here again

Here's a health to the wee lass that I love so well  
For style and for beauty there's none can excel  
There's a smile on her countenance as she sits upon my knee  
There is no man in this wide world as happy as me

CHORUS

Our ship lies at anchor, she is ready to dock  
I wish her safe landing without any shock  
And if ever I should meet you by land or by sea  
I will always remember your kindness to me

CHORUS

## Star of the County Down, led by Aryn Geier

Near Banbridge town in the County Down  
One evening last July  
Down a bóithrín green came a sweet cailín  
And she smiled as she passed me by  
She looked so neat in her two bare feet  
And the sheen of her nut-brown hair  
Such a coaxing elf, I'd to shake myself  
To make sure I was standing there

### CHORUS:

From Bantry Bay down to Derry Quay  
From Galway to Dublin town  
No maid I've seen like the fair cailín  
That I met in the County Down

As she onward sped, and I shook me head  
And I gazed with a feeling queer  
And I said, says I, to a passerby  
"Who's your one with the nut-brown hair?"  
He smiled at me, and with pride says he  
"She's the gem of old Ireland's crown  
Young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann  
And the star of the County Down"

### CHORUS

She'd a soft brown eye and a look so sly  
And a smile like a rose in June  
And you held each note from her auburn throat  
As she lilted lamenting tunes  
At the pattern dance you'd be in a trance  
As she skipped through a jig or a reel  
When her eyes, she'd roll, ah she'd lift your soul  
And your heart, she would likely steal

### CHORUS

At the harvest fair she'll be surely there  
And I'll dress in me Sunday clothes  
With my hat cocked right and me shoes shone bright  
For a smile from the nut-brown Rose  
No horse I'll yoke, or pipe I'll smoke  
'Til the rust in my plough turn brown

And a smiling bride by my own fireside  
Sits the star of the County Down

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CHORUS 3x

## **This Little Light of Mine, led by Christina Bussie**

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.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine,  
In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine,  
In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,  
In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,  
In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
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## Danny Boy, led by Evanne Browne & John Butterfield

Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side.  
The summer's gone, and all the roses falling,  
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.

CHORUS:

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow,  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow,  
It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,  
Oh, Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, and all the flowers are dying,  
If I am dead, as dead I well may be,  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying,  
And kneel and say an Ave there for me.

CHORUS

And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me,  
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be,  
For you will bend and tell me that you love me,  
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

CHORUS