Cambridge May Song



Oh I've been a wandering all this night
And the first part of the day
And now I am returning home
I have brought you a branch of may.
A branch of may my dear, I say
Before your door it stands
'Tis nothing but a sprout but it's well budded out
By the work of our Lord's hands.

Go take your Bible in your hand
And read a chapter through
And when the Day of Judgement comes
The Lord will think on you.
And when I'm dead and in my grave
And covered with cold clay
The nightingale will come and sing
And pass the time away.

Go down to your kitchen, get me a cup A cup of your good cheer And if I live to tarry in the town I'll call on you next year. The hedges and fields they are so green So green as any leaf. Our heavenly Father waters them With his heavenly dew so sweet.

I have a bag on my right arm
Tied with a silver string
All it wants is a little silver silver
To line it well within.
And now my song is almost done
No longer can I stay.
God bless you all both great and small
And bring you a joyful May!