

I've been a-rambling all this night

Traditional Essex May-day Carol

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1. I've been a - ram - bling all this night, And some time of the day; And

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1. now re - turn - ing back a - gain, I brought you a gar - land gay. 2. A
3. So

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2. gar - land gay I brought you here, And at your door I stand, 'Tis
3. dear, so dear, as Christ loved us, And for our sins was slain, Christ

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2. no-thing but a sprout, but 'tis well bud-ded out, The work of our Lord's hand.
3. bids us turn from wick-ed-ness, And turn to the Lord a-gain, And

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3. turn to the Lord a-gain. 4. Why don't you do as I have done, The ve-ry first day of

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4. May, And from my par-ents I have come, And would no long-er stay.