

The Moon Shines Bright

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'The moon shines bright, the stars give a light, A little before 'tis day, Our heav' - - nly Fa - - ther he call-ed to us And bid us to wake and pray.'

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The moon shines bright, the stars gave a light,
A little before 'tis day,
Our heavenly Father he call-ed to us
And bid us wake and pray.

Awake, awake, oh pretty, pretty maid,
Out of your drowsy dream,
And step into your dairy below
And fetch me a bowl of cream;

If not a bowl of your sweet cream
A mug of your brown beer,
For the Lord knows when we shall meet again
To be maying another year.

So dear, so dear Christ lov-ed us
And for our sins was slain,
He bids us leave off our wicked, wicked ways
And turn to the Lord again.

Turn to the Lord and our sweet God,
O turn to him with praise,
For when we are dead and in our graves
We are nothing but dust and clay.

I have been rambling all this night
And the best part of this day,
And now return-ed back again,
And have brought you a branch of may.

A branch of may I have brought you
And at your door it stands,
It is but a sprout, but well budded out
By the work of our Lord's hand.

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