

Tumbalalaika

Traditional

C version

Cm

G⁷

Cm



Shteyt a bo-kher, un er trakht, Trakht un trakht a gan-tse nakht.

A^b

Fm

Cm

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Ve-men tzu ne-men un nisht far-she-men, Ve-men tzu ne-men un nisht far-she-men.

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Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba - la - lai - ka, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba - la - lai - ka,

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Tum-ba-la - lai - ka, shpil ba-la - lai - ka Tum-ba-la - lai - ka frey-lekh zol zayn.

Shteyt a bocher, shteyt un tracht,
tracht un tracht a gantze nacht.
Vemen tsu nemen un nit far shemen,
vemen tsu nemen un nit far shemen.

A young lad is thinking, thinking all night
Would it be wrong, he asks, or maybe right,
Should he declare his love, dare he choose,
And would she accept, or will she refuse?

Chorus:

Tumbala, tumbala, tumbalalaika,
Tumbala, tumbala, tumbalalaika
tumbalalaika, shpiel balalaika
tumbalalaika - freylach zol zayn.

Chorus:

Tumbala, tumbala, tumbalalaika,
Tumbala, tumbala, tumbalalaika
tumbalalaika, play Balalaika,
tumbalalaika - let us be merry.

Meydl, meyd, kh'vil bay dir fregn,
Vos ken vaksn, vaksn on regn?
Vos ken brenen un nit oyfhern?
Vos ken benken, veynen on trern?

Maiden, maiden tell me again
What can grow, grow without rain,
What can burn for many years,
What can long and cry without tears?

Narisher bokher, vos darfstu fregn?
A shteyn ken vaksn, vaksn on regn.
Libe ken brenen un nit oyfhern.
A harts ken benken, veynen on trern.

Silly young lad, why ask again?
It's a stone that can grow, grow without rain,
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17 Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba - la - lai - ka, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba-la, Tum-ba - la - lai - ka,

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