



THE HELSTON FURRY

For centuries the villagers of Helston, in Cornwall, have greeted spring on May 8th with the processional Furry Dance. Formally costumed, carrying flowers and garlands, they sing and dance through the streets and in and out of the houses.

Sung with a dance lilt ♩ = 100

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
Arranged by George Emlen

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Oh, we were up as soon as day for to

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fetch the summer home a, Oh the summer is a

com - ing on and win - ter is a - gone - a.

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With hal - an - tow, sing mer - ry - o. sing

hal - an - tow, sing mer - ry, With mer - ry.

2. Oh, we've been a-rambling half the night, and almost all the day-a,
 And now, returning back again, we've brought you a branch of May-a.
 With hal-an-tow, sing merry-o, sing hal-an-tow, sing merry,
 With hal-an-tow, sing merry-o, sing hal-an-tow, sing merry.

3. Oh, Robin Hood and Little John, they've both gone to the fair-a,
 And we will to the merry greenwood for to hunt the buck and hare-a.
 With hal-an-tow, sing merry-o, sing hal-an-tow, sing merry,
 With hal-an-tow, sing merry-o, sing hal-an-tow, sing merry.