

Approximate duration: 2½ minutes

# The May Day Carol

For Mixed Chorus, Children's Voices, Concertina, and Cello

*Edited by Kay Dunlap*

Traditional English Folksong  
*Arranged by Jerome Epstein*

With a gentle swing (♩ = 52)

Concertina  
 (See performance suggestions)

*mp*

5

10

*p*

Children  
*mp*

I've been a-wan - d'ring... all this... night and the best part of the day, But

15

Sopranos & Altos  
*mp*

when I... come back home a - gain, I will bring you a branch of... May. A...

*mp*

20

branch of... May I... bring you... here, and at your door I stand;... It's

Cello  
*mp*

no-thing but a sprout, but it's well bud-ded out by the work of... God's own... hand.

*mp*

The...

25

hedg-es and fields are— cloth'd in— green, as green as the earl-y leaf; The

30

*mf*

The...

*mf*

clouds a - bove will wa - ter\_ them with\_ morn-ing\_ rain so\_ sweet.