

Bill Monroe

"I Haven't Seen Mary In Years"

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While walkin' one day in the country
I saw a gatherin' crowd
And as my footsteps drew me closer
I could smell the sweet fragrance of flowers

It look like a family reunion
Had my eyes not counted the tears
And an old man sat by a graveside
I haven't seen Mary in years

Hold my hand and lead me
Lead me away from here
I just brought these flowers for Mary
I haven't seen Mary in years

When Mary and I were first married
We had such plans for our child
But for no reason I started ramblin'
Like the four winds I just ran wild

If I could live our life over
I'd bring Mary such cheer
Now she's gone where she'll never meet me
I haven't seen Mary in years

Hold my hand and lead me
Lead me away from here
I just brought these flowers for Mary
I haven't seen Mary in years

Then the old man left the graveyard
I walked along by his side
I called out his name but through all his shame
His son, he did not recognize

Hold my hand and lead me
Lead you away from here
How could I know it was Mama
I haven't seen Mama in years

