

Great Big Sea "The Mummer Song"

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Hark, what's the noise out by the porch door?
Dear Granny, there's mummings, there's twenty or
more.

Her old weathered face lightens up with a grin.
Any mummings, nice mummings 'lowed in?

Ah, come in lovely mummings, don't bother the snow,
We'll wipe up the water sure after you go.
And sit if you can upon some mummer's knee.
We'll see if we knows who ye be.

Ah, there's big ones and small ones, tall ones and thin,
There's boys dressed as women and girls dressed as
men,
With humps on their backs and mitts on their feet,
My blessed we'll die with the heat.

Well, there's only one here that I think that I know,
That tall fellow standing alongside the stove.
He's shaking his fist for to make me not tell.
Must be Willy from out on the hill.

Ah, but that one's a stranger, if ever was one
With his underwear stuffed and his trapdoor undone.
Is he wearing his mother's big forty-two bra?
I knows, but I'm not going to say.

Well, I suppose you fine mummings would turn down a
drop
Of home brew or alky, whatever you got.
That one with his rubber boots on the wrong feet
Ate enough for to do him all week.

Now I suppose you can dance? Sure they all nod their
heads.
They've been tapping their feet ever since they came
in.
And now that the drinks have been all passed around,
Sure the mummings are plankin' 'er down.

(Instrumental break - Bob plays one verse of Deck the
Halls on the fiddle)

Ah, be careful the lamp! Now hold on to the stove.
Don't you swing Granny hard, 'cause you know that
she's old.

And never you mind how you buckles the floor
'Cause the mummers have danced here before.

Oh my God, how hot is it? We'll never know.
Allows that we'll all get the devil's own cold.
Good night and good Christmas, mummers me dears
Please God, we will see you next year

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