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"Midsummer Night's Happening"

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Sunlight falling bright over the village garden walls

Moonlight showers gold where living water falls

People walk in splendour under trees hung in starlight

Candlelight lawns sweep down to the river that ripples
on pebbles of turquoise

Fountains of golden light burst in quavers that float
among the stars

The tables are laid with fruits of the wine and cedar
from Samarkand

The golden gates are open wide for the people all over
the land

A thousand dancing chandeliers shine in my lady's
chamber

My lord comes swaying through the hall with a goblet
of shining amber

Then nectar and brandy, wine and mead come flowing
from shimmering springs

They all menuet to a string quartet and the Marquis's
daughter shall sing

Gentle maidens walking in the garden

While they'r courted by the knights from the palace of
love

They are all dressed in white with flowers of palest
colour

They are all singing songs to the yellow moon above

Come to the Ball my love, sip sweet ambrosia

Tip in the forest Titania my love

Would you like brandy wine? Shall we go now and dine?

We'll do the merry minuet till the yellow moon has set

We shall dance through the midsummer night

Come my pretty Oberon trip, trip, trip

Come and sing a summer song trip, trip

I know a bank where cowslips trip

Whereon the wild thyme sits trip, trip

Dance in the midsummer night

Come my pretty puck and squeeze this magic flower

In the eyes of lovers in the midnight hour

This a flower of wonder is a magic seed

When they shall awake lay heaven at their feet

Would you like brandy wine?

Shall we go now and dine?

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