

Shady Grove

"Shady Grove" is an 18th-century [folk song](#) popular in the [United States](#). It is a standard in the repertoires of folk, Celtic and bluegrass musicians. In most traditional versions, the melody is in a minor key. However, [Bill Monroe](#)'s and some subsequent [bluegrass](#) versions use a major-key variation.

Dm C
Peaches in the summertime,
Dm
Apples in the fall,
F C
If I can't get the girl I
love,

Dm
I don't want none at all.

Chorus:

Dm C
Shady grove, my true love,
Dm
Shady grove, I know,
F C
Shady grove, my little love,
Dm
I'm bound for the shady grove.

Dm C
Wish I had a banjo string
Dm
Made of golden twine
F C
Every tune I'd play on it
Dm
I wish that girl were mine

[chorus]

Dm C
Wish I had a needle and thread
Dm
Fine as I could sew
F C
I'd sew that pretty girl to my
side
Dm
And down the road I'd go

[chorus]

Some come here to fiddle and
dance
Some come here to tarry
Some come here to fiddle and
dance
I come here to marry

[chorus]

Every night when I go home
(note 4)
My wife, I try to please her
The more I try, the worse she
gets
Damned if I don't leave her

[chorus]

Fly around, my pretty little
miss (note 5)
Fly around, my Daisy
Fly around, my pretty little
miss
Nearly drive me crazy

[chorus]

