

# Sham-A-Ling-Dong-Ding

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*D Bm7 Em7 A7*

*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7/E(½) Em7/G(½) Em7(½) Em7(½)(E F# G)*  
 The boys were singing shing-a-ling, the summer night we met.

*A(¼) Asus2(¼) A(¼) A7(¼) D6 Em7(½) A7(½) (A B C#)*  
 You were tan and seventeen, oh how could I forget? When

*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7/E(½) Em7/G(½) Em7(½) Em7(½)(E F# E)*  
 every star from near and far was watching from a - bove,

*A(½) A7(½) Asus2(½) A7(½) D(½) D/F#(½) Em7/E(½) A7(½)(A B C#)*  
 watching two teenagers fall in love

The way we danced was not a dance but more a long embrace.  
 We held on to each other and we floated there in space. And  
 I was shy to kiss you while the whole wide world could see, so

*A(¼) A7(¼) Asus2(¼) A(¼) D D*  
 shing-a-ling said every thing for me. And

*Em7 A7 D D*  
 Oh, the poor old old folks they thought we'd lost our minds  
*Bm7 F#m7 Em7 A7sus4(½) A7sus9(½)*

They could not make heads or tails of the young folks' funny rhymes. But

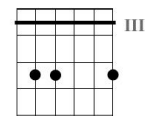
*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7/E(½) Em7/G(½) Gm/Dadd9*  
 you and I knew all the words, and we always sang along to

*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7/E(½) Em7/G(½) Em7(½) A7(½)*  
 oh, sham-a-ling - dong - ding sham -a- ling- dang-

*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm7/B(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7(½) Em7(½) A7(½) A7(½)*  
 dong. *D C#DB ABE EGB A*

So after years and after tears and after summers past  
 The old folks tried to warn us how our love would never last  
 And all we'd get was soaking wet from walking in the rain  
 And singing sham-a-shing-a-ling again

Gm add9



And oh the poor old old folks they smile and walk away  
 But I bet they did some sham-a-lama-ding-dong in their day  
 I bet that they still close their eyes and I bet they sing along to  
 Oh sham-a-ling-dong- ding sham-a-ling- dang-dong

*Bm7 Bm D D*  
 Oh, those sweet old love songs, every word rings true. Sham a-  
*Bm7 Bm7 Em7 A7sus4*  
 ling-dong-ding means sweetheart, sham-a-ling-dang-dong does too. And it

*D Bm7 Em7 Gmadd9*  
 means that right here in my arms that's where you belong, and it

*D(½) D/C#(½) Bm(½) Bm7/A(½) Em7/E(½) Em7/G(½) Em7(½) A7(½) D*  
 means, sham-a-ling - dong - ding sham -a- ling- dang - dong.