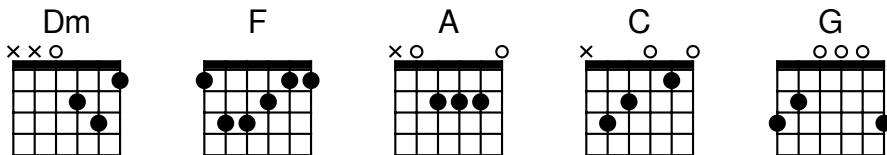


# Winter Solstice Time

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Instrumental 1st line:

[Dm] When the sun sets early, [F] darkness [A] deep [A]

Verse 1:

[Dm] When the sun sets early, [F] darkness [A] deep; [A]  
A [Dm] veil of black en-[A]-shrouds us while we sleep. [A]  
[C] When the hours [G] of the night are [C] long [C]  
We [Dm] sing then our [A] winter solstice [Dm] song. [Dm]

Chorus:

[Dm] Celebration [C] and good cheer  
On the longest [F] night this year.  
The [F] Mother Goddess [C] has begun  
To give birth to the [F] Shining Sun. [Dm]

Verse 2:

[Dm] Ancient God, the spirit [F] of the [A] forest, [A]  
We [Dm] welcome you with [A] Yuletide verse and chorus. [A]  
The [C] Holly and the [G] Oak will dance and [C] fight. [C]  
We [Dm] call you back to [A] warm us, Lord of [Dm] Light. [Dm]

Chorus:

[Dm] Celebration [C] and good cheer  
On the longest [F] night this year.  
The [F] Mother Goddess [C] has begun  
To give birth to the [F] Shining Sun. [Dm]

Verse 3:

[Dm] The wheel has turned; Oh Great God [F] of the [A] Sun, [A]  
Re-[Dm] -turn from shadow; [A] winter is undone. [A]  
[C] May you brightly [G] shine upon the [C] Earth. [C]

Your [Dm] rays caress and [A] nurture its re-[Dm]-birth. [Dm]

Chorus:

[Dm] Celebration [C] and good cheer  
On the longest [F] night this year.  
The [F] Mother Goddess [C] has begun  
To give birth to the [F] Shining Sun. [Dm]

Verse 4:

[Dm] Burn the incense, many [F] candles [A] bright. [A]  
[Dm] Light the fire [A] on this longest night. [A]  
[C] Feast, enjoy the [G] fellowship, and [C] sing. [C]  
These [Dm] are the gifts the [A] winter solstice [Dm] brings. [Dm]

Chorus:

[Dm] Celebration [C] and good cheer  
On the longest [F] night this year.  
The [F] Mother Goddess [C] has begun  
To give birth to the [F] Shining Sun.

Chorus:

[Dm] Celebration [C] and good cheer  
On the longest [F] night this year.  
The [F] Mother Goddess [C] has begun  
To give birth to the [F] Shining Sun. [Dm]