



# Green George

Every year a ritual to bring the Spring involves dancing around a willow tree. A yeoman is garlanded with willow leaves and becomes "Green George". He gets dunked in the river to ensure the water blesses the crops!

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Chorus: G D G

Bind wi - llow leaves a - bout him, sing - ing, "Gar - lan - ded - Green

D G D

George" All your good - ly gifts a - bring - ing, "Gar - lan - ded - Green

A D E A

George" Bow down to him and call him king, go to the ri - ver fling him in

G D A D

and let the rites of Spring be - gin, with Gar - lan - ded - Green George!

Verse:

1 Dance a - bout the will - ow tree, a leaf for you, a  
Lass with child, spread on the ground, your mo - ther's gar - ments

E A G D

leaf for me and all that's left of leaves shall be for  
all a round, "If they catch leaves, your child is sound," says

A 2D A D

Gar - lan - ded - Green George Gar - lan - ded - Green George