



Yew

A simple call and response song about Winter and the advantages of being evergreen, not to mention the favourite tree of bow-makers!

Note: Play a drone of D (or D and A) or Dm chord beneath this and rhythmic accompaniment with drums or tankards!

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Instrumental (intro and between verses)

1. A yew grew in a - fo - rest - glade

Response: Why am I dressed so dark - ly?

Solo: Her fin - gers stretched where

Response: fae - ries played. Your clothes last all - the year.

Solo: She wept and pined for

Response: leaves of gold. Why am I dressed so dark - ly?

Solo: La - men - ting need - les

Response: short and cold. Your clothes last all - the year.

*A yew grew in a forest glade
Why am I dressed so darkly?
Her fingers stretched where faeries played
Your clothes last all the year.
She wept and pined, for leaves of gold
Why am I dressed so darkly?
Lamenting needles short and cold
Your clothes last all the year.*

*The faeries sat amongst her roots
Why am I dressed so darkly?
And flew with wands to touch her shoots
Your clothes last all the year.
They gave her leaves both gold and fair
Why am I dressed so darkly?
But robbers came and stripped her bare
Your clothes last all the year.*

*The faeries sat upon her bough
Why am I dressed so darkly?
And gave her leaves of crystal now
Your clothes last all the year.
They grew and gleamed with magical spell
Why am I dressed so darkly?
But hailstorms came; the crystals fell
Your clothes last all the year.*

*The faeries fluttered high in her crown
Why am I dressed so darkly?
Her russet trunk wore such a frown
Your clothes last all the year.
They gave her leaves both broad and green
Why am I dressed so darkly?
But deer came browsing 'til no leaves were seen
Your clothes last all the year.*

*So they gave her needles short and stout
Why am I dressed so darkly?
The winter winds whirled about
Your clothes last all the year.
And not one needle fell to ground
Why am I dressed so darkly?
The faeries laughed, and danced around:
Your clothes last all the year.*