

Key: Cm
 Tuning: gCGD#

Tab by Kasey Jessop

Oak and Ash and Thorn

Verse - (chorus is the same but not repeated)

Chords: Cm, Eb, Cm, Bb, Cm, Cm, Cm, Cm, Cm, Cm

Lyrics: Oak of the clay lived man-y a day or- eve- r Ae- ne- as be- gan Ash of the loam was a La- dy at home when Brut was an out- law man Sing

Break/Intro

Chords: Cm, Eb, Cm, Cm, Bb, Cm, Cm

Lyrics: (Galax lick)

Oak and Ash and Thorn – Lyrics

Of all the trees that grow so fair,
Old England to adorn,
Greater are none beneath the Sun,
Than Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Chorus (after each verse):

Sing Oak and Ash and Thorn, good Sirs
All of a Midsummer's morn
Surely we sing of no little thing,
In Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Oak of the Clay lived many a day,
Or ever Aeneas began;
Ash of the Loam was a lady at home,
When Brut was an outlaw man;
Thorn of the Down saw New Troy Town
From which was London born;
Witness hereby the ancients
Of Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Yew that is old in churchyard mould,
He breedeth a mighty bow;
Alder for shoes do wise men choose,
And beech for cups also.
But when ye have killed, and your bowl is spilled,
Your shoes are clean outworn,
Back ye must speed for all that ye need,
To Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Ellum she hates mankind, and waits
Till every gust be laid,
To drop a limb on the head of him,
That anyway trusts her shade:
But whether a lad be sober or sad,
Or mellow with ale from the horn,
He'll take no wrong when he lieth along
'Neath Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Oh, do not tell the Priest our plight,
Or he would call it a sin;
But—we've been out in the woods all night,
A-conjuring Summer in.
And we bring you news by word of mouth –
Good news for cattle and corn –
Now is the Sun come up from the South,
With Oak and Ash and Thorn.

Last chorus:

Sing Oak and Ash and Thorn, good Sirs
All of a Midsummer's morn
England shall bide till Judgement Tide,
By Oak and Ash and Thorn.