

I walk with my little lantern

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A German song sung on the feast of Martinmas which falls on November 11th. Martin was the patron saint of beggars, drunkards and outcasts and was known for an unassuming nature and ability to bring warmth and light to those in darkness. There are many versions of this song in German and in translation. This is my take.

It is such a lovely time of year to make paper lanterns.



I walk with my lit - tle lan - tern, My lan - tern, my - self — and I, — A -
bove the stars — are shin - ing, On Earth we are stars to the sky. — The
roo - ster crows, The cat me - ows. Hey! Hey! Hey! — La bim - mel, la bum - mel, la
beh! — Hey! Hey! Hey! — La bim - mel, la bum - mel, la beh! —



I walk with my little lantern,
My lantern, myself and I,
Above the stars are shining,
On Earth we are stars to the sky.
The rooster crows, the cat meows:

Chorus: Hey! Hey! Hey!
La bimmel, la bummel, la bey!
Hey! Hey! Hey!
La bimmel, la bummel, la bey!

We walk with our little lanterns,
Our lanterns so shiny and bright,
We wind our way through the darkness,
A sea of twinkling light.
The pale moon cries as we pass by:

We walk with our little lanterns,
Our lanterns so shiny and bright,
We sing sweet songs in the darkness
Our voices so cheerful tonight.
As we walk round how good it sounds: *Chorus*

We walk with our little lanterns,
Our lanterns so shiny and bright,
We wander home through the darkness
With a flickering fading of light.
The flame grows dim but still we sing: *Chorus*