

Reel In The Flickering Light – Christy Moore

[Verse]

As I walked home one evenin' I know this takes some believin',
I met a group of creatures with the strangest lookin' features.
A poor old dog with a worm and a weed and a fine old pigeon, yes indeed,
Daddy Longlegs jumped up sprightly and danced a reel in the flickering light.

[CHORUS]

Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

On his thin and wispy spindles he was deft and he was nimble,
His eyes were scientific and his dancing was terrific.
The rats and the worms they made a din and the nettles in the corner took it in,
'Oh God' sez I 'tonight's the night we'll dance to the reel in the flickering light!'

[CHORUS]

Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

Then he looked at me directly with a gaze that could dissect me,
And he asked me in a whisper 'Have you got any sisters?'.
'Good God Almighty' says I to him 'what sort of a man do you think I am?
I've only one and she's not your type, she wouldn't dance a reel in the flickering light!'

[CHORUS]

G C

Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
 G C
 Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
 G D G
 And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

 G C A D
 Sez he 'Does she come from another planet? Does she have a bee in her bonnet?
 G C D D7 G
 Does she do her daily duties? You never know we might be suited'.
 G A
 And the rats and the worms began to laugh and some of them started shufflin'
 off.
 G C G D G
 We're gonna to have some fun tonight, gettin' ready for the reel in the
 flickering light.

[CHORUS]

 G C
 Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
 G C
 Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
 G D G
 And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

 G C A D
 I could see he had no scruples when I looked into his pupils,
 G C D D7 G
 They were purple or magenta like a statue during Lent.
 G A
 I said 'I'll get her right away' 'Good man' says he, now don't delay,
 G C G D G
 We're gonna have some fun tonight'. Then he flipped his legs in the flickering
 light.

[CHORUS]

 G C
 Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
 G C
 Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
 G D G
 And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

 G C A D
 Then up stepped a red carnation and they gave her an ovation.
 G C D D7 G
 She was warm and enchanting as she slowly started dancing.
 G A
 The bright auld pigeon peeled his eye and the nettles and the weeds began to
 sigh,
 G C G D G
 Daddy Longlegs said 'my, oh my, are we ready for the reel in the flickering
 light?

[CHORUS]

G **C**
Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
G **C**
Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
G **D** **G**
And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

[Verse]

G **C** **A** **D**
She was gentle, she was charming and I heard him call her Darlin'.
G **C** **D** **D7** **G**
He was graceful as a whisper on his delicate legs of silver.
G **A**
The rats and the worms were still as mice and the poor auld pigeon said 'that's
nice',
G **C** **G** **D** **G**
A shimmering veil of a lovely bride and they danced to the reel in the
flickering light.

[CHORUS]

G **C**
Oh, round we go, heel to the toe,
G **C**
Daddy Longlegs jumped up spright
G **D** **G**
And danced in the reel of the flickering light.

If played along to the version on the Christy Moore collection, sounds like a capo on the 5th fret