SHAM-A-LING-DONG-DING (BAR) - Jesse Winchester

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Intro:  Oh, oh oh oh, oh oh oh, oh oh oh.

The boys were singing shing-a-ling the summer night we met,
The way we danced was not a dance, but more a long embrace,
You were tan and seventeen, oh, how could I forget.
We held on to each other, and we floated there in space.

When every star from near and far was watching from above,
And I was shy to kiss you while the whole wide world could see,

1. Watching two teenagers fall in love. (2nd verse) 2. So shing-a-ling said everything for me.

And oh, the poor old old folks, they thought we'd lost our minds,
They could not make heads or tails of the young folks' funny rhymes.

But you and I knew all the words, and we always sang a-long

To oh, sham-a-ling-dong-ding, sham-a-ling-dang-dong.
p.2. Sham-a-ling-dong-ding

So after years and after tears and after summers passed

The old folks tried to warn us how our love would never last.

And all we'd get was soaking wet from walking in the rain

And singing sham-a-shing-a-ling a-gain.

And oh, the poor old old folks, they smile and walk away,

But I bet they did some sham-a-lama-ding-dong in their day.

I bet that they still close their eyes and I bet they sing a-long

To oh, sham-a-ling-dong-ding, sham-a-ling-dang…..

Oh, sweet old love songs, boy, every word rings true,

Sham-a-ling-dong-ding means sweetheart, sham-a-ling-dang-dong does, too.

And it means that right here in my arms, well, that's where you be-long,

And it means sham-a-ling-dong-ding, sham-a-ling-dang-dong.
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