

# The Glow-Worm ("Das Glühwürmchen") (C)

Heinz Bolten-Backers, 1902; English lyrics by Lilla Cayley Robinson, ca. 1905

Expanded and revised by Johnny Mercer for [The Glow-Worm](#) by the Mills Brothers (1952)

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## Intro

Strum Pattern: D D u d d

C ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ F ↓ ↓ Dm ↓ ↓ C ↓ G7 ↓ C - G7

Light the path be-low, a-bove, and lead us on to love

C G7 C  
Shine, little glow worm, glimmer, glimmer. Shine, little glow worm, glimmer, glimmer.

G7 C  
Lead us lest too far we wander. Love's sweet voice is calling yonder.

G7 C  
Shine, little glow worm, shimmer, shimmer. Hey there, don't get dimmer, dimmer.

F Dm C G7 C ↓ - G7  
Light the path be-low, a-bove. And lead us on to love.

C G7 C  
Glow, little glow worm, fly of fire. Glow like an incandescent wire.

G7 C  
Glow for the female of the species. Turn on the AC and the DC.

G7 C  
This night could use a little brightnin'. Light up, you little ol' bug of lightnin'.

F Dm C G7 C - G7  
When you gotta glow, you gotta glow. Glow, little glow worm, glow.

C G7 C  
Glow, little glow worm, glow and glimmer. Swim through the sea of night, little swimmer.

G7 C  
Thou aeronautical boll weevil. Illuminate yon woods primeval.

G7 C  
See how the shadows deep and darken. You and your chick should get to sparkin'.

F Dm C G7 C - G7  
I got a gal that I love so. Glow, little glow worm, glow.

C G7 C  
Glow little glow worm, turn the key on. You are equipped with taillight neon.

G7 C  
You got a cute vest-pocket Mazda.<sup>1</sup> Which you can make both slow and faster.

G7 C  
I don't know who you took a shine to, or who you're out to make a sign to.

F Dm C G7 C  
I got a gal that I love so. Glow, little glow worm, glow.

C G7 C  
Glow, little glow worm, glow ( 3x )

<sup>1</sup> "Mazda" was the name of a brand of light bulbs.