The Shaking of the Sheets

R. Dance, dance, The Shaking of the Sheets,
dance, dance, when you hear the piper
playing, everyone must dance
The Shaking of the Sheets with me.

1. Bring away the beggar, bring away the king, and every man in his degree,
bring away the oldest and the youngest thing, come to death and follow me.
Bring away the merchant who made his money in France and the crafty banker, too.
When you hear the piper, you and I must dance, the dance that everyone must do.

2. I'll find you in the courtrooms, I'll find you in the schools, when you hear the piper play.
I'll take away the wise men, I'll take away the fools and bring their bodies all to clay.
All the politicians of high and low degree, lords and ladies, great and small.
Don't think that you'll escape and need not dance with me, I'll make you come, when I do call.

3. It may be in the day, it may be in the night, prepare yourself to dance and pray.
That when the piper plays The Shaking of the Sheets, you may to Heaven dance the way.

2x Refrain