

THE SCA LIBRARIANS' SONG

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(tune: Country Gardens)

You have a question, we'll find the answers
We're SCA librarians!
Helping the people in all circumstances
We're true humanitarians.

Climatology of Spain,
Photographs of Charlemagne,
All kinds of information.
How to sew a houpellande,
Topo maps of Samarqand,
We'll find a dissertati

You want to know, we'll tell you where to go
No task is insurmountable
We know where to look, We'll find it in a book
Or in something electronical.

Rules to use a morris board,
Table manners of the Horde,
Genitive conjugations.
How to load a trebuchet
Celebrate St. Cuthbert's Day
Thalean calculations.

We never fear the Period Police
For we walk the via media
We never bog in any catalog
Or in the Encyclopedia.

Recipes for mosserouns
isfanakh and payn ragoun,
Patterns for fine habergeons,
Clementine apology,
Ptolemy's astrology
Herbals for our chirurgions.

Documentation for every nation
From Finnish to Bulgarians
For the retrieval of everything medieval,
We've microfiche for everything you wish for ...
We'll find a tract for each elusive fact
We have a journal for animals diurnal,
We have a thesis for when you fall to pieces
Don't think we're screwy, we live and die by Dewey,
We're SCA librar-ee-ans!.

Country Gardens, arranged by Percy Grainger in the US in 1914, was "apparently derived from a medieval source", <http://www.hnh.com/composer/grainger.htm>. Grove says that it may be a setting of a Morris Dance tune.