

The Wassail Song

Alternate Title: "Here We Come A Wassailing"

Words: English Traditional, 17th century

Music: Traditional English Wassail Song, 17th century

1. Here we come a wassailing

Among the leaves so green,

Here we come a wandering

so fair to be seen.

Chorus

Love and joy come to you,

And to you your wassail too,

And God bless you and

Send you a happy New Year.

And God send you a Happy New Year

2. Our wassail cup is made

of the good rosemary tree,

And so is your beer

of the best bar-ley. **Chorus**

3. We are not daily beggars

That beg from door to door,

But we are neighbours' children

whom you have seen before. **Chorus**

4. Good Master and good Mistress,

As you sit by the fire,

Pray think of us poor children

Are wandering in the mire. **Chorus**

5. We have a little purse

Made of leather skin;

We want some of your small change

To line it well with-in. **Chorus**

6. Call up the Butler of this house,
Put on his golden ring;

Let him bring us a glass of beer,

And the better we shall sing.

Chorus

7. Bring us out a table,

And spread it with a cloth;

Bring us out a mouldy cheese,

And your sweet Christmas loaf.

Chorus

8. God bless the Master of this house,
Likewise the Mistress too;

And all the little children

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