

15 WASSAIL SONG

(CHRISTMAS: NEW YEAR)

FIRST TUNE

North of England traditional

Ibid.
(M.S.)

VERSES 1, 3, and 7
(alternate lyrics, see
the very bottom verse)

Unison
SOLO

1 ● Here we come a - was - sail - ing A - mong the leaves so
 2 *Our was - sail cup is made Of the rose - - ma - ry
 3 ● We are not dai - ly beg - gars That beg from door to
 4 *Call up the but - ler of this house, Put on his gol - den

Acct. (or voices humming)

green, — Here we come a - wan - der - ing, So fair — to be seen:
 tree, — And so — is your beer — Of the best — bar - ley:
 door, — But we are neigh - bours' chil - dren Whom you have seen be - fore:
 ring; — Let him bring us up a glass of beer, And bet - ter we shall sing:

CHORUS

S.
A.

Love and joy come to you, And to you your was - sail
 Love and joy come to you, And to

T.
B.

too, And God bless you, and send you
your was-sail too, And God send you A hap - py New

Year, And God send you A hap - py New Year.

SOLO

5. We have got a lit - tle purse Of stretch - ing lea - ther
6. * Bring us out a ta - - ble, And spread it with a
7. God bless the mas - ter of this house, Like - wise the mis - tress
8. Good mas - ter and good mis - tress, While you're sit - ting by the

skin:— We want a lit - tle of your mon - ey To line — it well with - in:
cloth:— Bring us out — a moul - dy cheese, And some of your Christ - mas loaf;
too:— And all the lit - tle chil - dren That round the ta - ble go:
fire:— Pray think of us — poor chil - dren Who are wand - ring in the mire:

For Editors' notes see second tune, p. 35.

16 GOOD-BYE

19th century

- God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go:
Love and joy, etc.

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2. And all your kin and kinsfolk,
That dwell both far and near;
I wish you a merry Christmas,
And a happy New Year.
Love and joy, etc.