

Gower Wassail

A-wassail, a-wassail throughout all this town Our cup it is white and our ale it is brown Our wassail is made of the good ale and cake Some nutmeg and ginger, the best we can bake

Chorus: *Fal the dal, lal the dal the dal Fal the dal the dal, lal the dal the dee Fal the deero, fal the daddy Sing too ra li do*

Our wassail is made of the elderberry bough Although my good neighbors we'll drink unto thou Besides all on earth, we have apples in store Pray let us come in for its cold by the door

[chorus]

We know by the moon that we are not too soon And we know by the sky that we are not too high We know by the star that we are not too far And we know by the ground that we are within sound

[chorus]

Now master and mistress let your company forbear To fill up our wassail with you cider and beer We want none of your pale beer, nor none of your small But a drop of your kilderkin, that's next to the wall

[chorus]

Now master and mistress if you are within Pray send out your maid with her lily-white skin For to open the door without more delay For our time it is precious and we cannot stay

[chorus]

You've brought your wassail, which is very well known But I can assure you we've as good of our own As for your jolly wassail, we care not one pin But its for your good company we'll let you come in

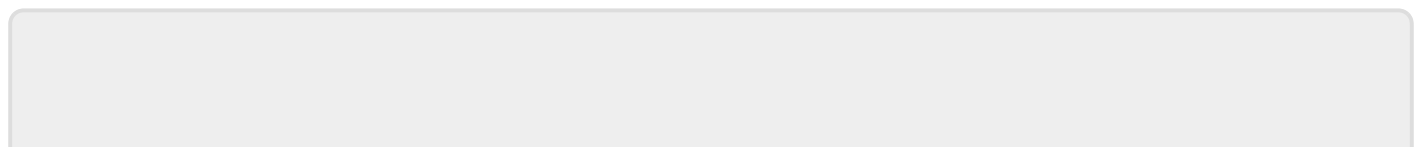
[chorus]

Here's a health to our Cooley and her croo'ed horn May God send her Master a good crop of corn Of barley and wheat and all sorts of grain May God send her Mistress a long life to reign

[chorus]

Now Master and Mistress, we hope that you'll give Unto our jolly wassail as long as you live And if we do live to another new year Then perhaps we may call and see who do live here

[chorus]



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