The Wassail Song

Traditional carol



1) Here we come a-wassailing Among the leaves so green; here we come a-wand'ring so fair to be seen.

> 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 rosemary tree, and so is your beer of the best barley.

 Refrain
- 3) We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door; but we are neighbours' children, whom you have seen before.

 Refrain
- 4) Call up the butler of this house, put on his golden ring.
 Let him bring us up a glass of beer, and better we shall sing.

 Refrain

5) We have got a little purse of stretching leather skin; we want a little of your money to line it well within.

Refrain

- 6) Bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth; bring us out a mouldy cheese, and some of your Christmas loaf.

 Refrain
- 7) God bless the master of this house likewise the mistress too, and all the little children that round the table go.

 Refrain
- 8) Good master and good mistress, while you're sitting by the fire, pray think of us poor children who are wandering in the mire.

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