

## Wassails

Feel free to join in with the words in **BOLD**

### Old Apple Tree Wassail

Old apple tree, we'll wassail thee  
And hope that thou wilt bear.  
For the Lord doth know where we shall be  
Come apples another year.

For to bloom well and bear well  
So merry let us be.  
Let every man drink up his glass  
Good health to the old apple tree.

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### Datchet Wassail (Based on Bodmin Wassail)

Here comes a ship out in full sail  
Ploughs the wide ocean through many a gale  
To bring you wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

Bless this here orchard and all of its trees  
To give us good cider, to drink as we please  
To bring you wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

Now sometimes it's laurel and sometimes it's bay  
Come fill up our glasses and we'll drink away  
To bring you wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

If you've got an apple, I hope you've got ten  
To brew some strong cider, 'gainst we come again  
To bring you wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

Now Granny and Grandad were out picking nuts  
Granny gave Grandad a poke in the guts  
For singing wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

So, Master & Mistress you sit at your ease  
Put your hands in your pockets and give as you please  
For singing wassail, wassail, wassail  
And joy come to our jolly wassail

### Wassail, Wassail, out of the milk pail (16<sup>th</sup> century)

Wassail, wassail, out of the pail

Wassail, wassail as white as my nail

Wassail, wassail, in snow, frost and hail

Wassail, wassail, with partridge and rail

Wassail, wassail, that much doth avail

Wassail, wassail, that never will fail

Wassail!      Drink Hail!

### Gloucestershire Wassail

Wassail, wassail, all over the town  
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown  
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

So here is to Cherry and to his right cheek  
Pray God send our master a good piece of beef  
And a good piece of beef that we may all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

And here is to Dobbin and to his right eye  
Pray God send our master a good Christmas pie  
And a good Christmas pie that we may all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

So here is to Broad May and to her broad horn  
May God send our master a good crop of corn  
And a good crop of corn that we may all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

And here is to Fillpail and to her left ear  
Pray God send our master a happy new year  
And a happy new year as e'er he did see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

And here is to Colly and to her long tail  
Pray God send our master, he never may fail  
A bowl of strong beer, I pray you draw near  
And our jolly wassail, it's then you shall hear

Then here's to the maid in the lily-white smock  
Who tripped to the door and slipped back the lock  
Who tripped to the door and pulled back the pin  
For to let these jolly wassailer's in

Wassail, wassail, all over the town  
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown  
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee  
Drink to thee, drink to thee  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee

## Somerset Wassail

Wassail and wassail all over the town  
The cup it is white and the ale it is brown  
The cup it is made of the good ashen tree  
And so is the malt of the best barley

*For it's your wassail and it's our wassail  
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail*

Oh, master and missus, are you all within?  
Pray open the door and let us come in  
O master and missus a-sitting by the fire  
Pray think on us poor travellers, a traveling in the mire

*For it's your wassail and it's our wassail  
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail*

Oh, where is the maid with the silver-headed pin  
To open the door and let us come in  
Oh master and missus, it is our desire  
A good loaf, some cheese and a toast by the fire

*For it's your wassail and it's our wassail  
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail*

There was an old man, and he had an old cow  
And how for to keep her he didn't know how  
He put his old cow down in an old barn  
And a drop or two of cider will do us no harm

*For it's your wassail and it's our wassail  
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail*

The girt dog of Langport he burnt his long tail  
And this is the night we go singing wassail  
O master and missus we must now be gone  
God bless all in this house until we do call again

*For it's your wassail and it's our wassail  
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail*

## Apple tree Wassail

O lily-white lily, O lily-white pin  
Please to come down and let us come in  
Lily-white lily, O lily-white smock  
Please to come down and pull back the lock

*For it's our wassail, and a jolly wassail  
Joy come to our jolly wassail  
How well they may bloom, how well they may bear  
So we may have apples and cider next year*

O master and mistress, O are you within?  
Please to come down and pull back the pin  
O master and mistress, it is our desire  
A good loaf, some cheese and a toast by the fire

*For it's our wassail, and a jolly wassail  
Joy come to our jolly wassail  
How well they may bloom, how well they may bear  
So we may have apples and cider next year*

There was an old farmer, and he had an old cow  
But how to milk her he didn't know how  
He put his old cow down in his old barn  
And a little more liquor won't do us no harm  
Harm my boys harm, harm my boys harm  
A little more liquor won't do us no harm

*For it's our wassail, and a jolly wassail  
Joy come to our jolly wassail  
How well they may bloom, how well they may bear  
So we may have apples and cider next year*

The ringles and the jingles and the tenor of the song  
goes — merrily  
Merrily, merrily  
The tenor of the song goes merrily

*Spoken:*  
Hatfuls, capfuls, three-bushel bagfuls,  
Little heaps under the stairs.  
Hip hip hip, hooray!

## Here we come A-wassailing (Old Fox Wassail)

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so  
green  
Here we come a-wandering so fairly to be seen  
Now is wintertime, strangers travel far and near  
And we wish you, send you a happy new year

Bud and blossom, bud and blossom  
Bud and bloom and bear  
So we may have plenty of cider all next year  
Hatfuls and in capfuls and in bushel bags and all  
And there's cider running out of every gutter hole

Down here in the muddy lane there sits an old red  
fox  
Starving and a-shivering and licking his old chops  
Bring us out your table and spread it if you please  
And give us hungry wassailers a bit of bread and  
cheese

I've got a little purse and it's made of leather skin  
A little silver sixpence, it would line it well within  
Now is wintertime, strangers travel far and near  
And we wish you, send you a happy new year