

A Wassail, A Wassail.

No. 2.

Joyfully. (Capo 1.)

Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em)

1. A was-..... sail, a was-..... sail, a was- sail we be- gin,
 2. Good mas- ter and good mis-..... tress, as you sit by the fire,
 3. Good mas- ter and good mis-..... tress, if you will be but willing,
 4. Good mas- ter and good mis-..... tress, if thus it should you please,

Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em)

With su- gar plums and cinn- a- mon, and o- ther spi- ces in;-
 Con- si- der us poor was- sail- ers, who tra- vel through the mire;-
 Come, send us out your el- dest son with six- pence or a shilling;-
 Come, send us out your white.... loaf, like- wise your Christ-mas cheese;-.

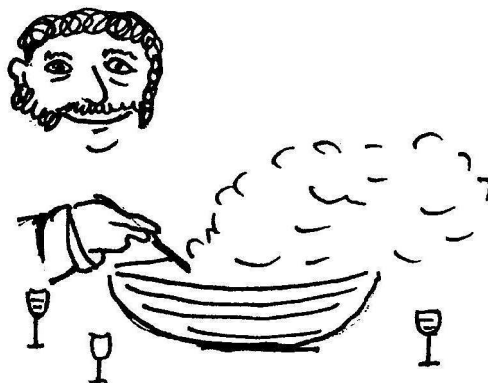
Cm(Gm) Gm(F#m)Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7)

Chorus: With a was- sail, a was- sail, a jol- ly was- sail,
 Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) Bbm(Am) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em)

And may joy come to you and to our..... was-..... sail;-
 Cm(Gm) Gm(F#m)Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7)

With a was- sail, a was- sail, a jol- ly was- sail,
 Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) Bbm(Am)C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em) C7(B7) Fm(Em)

And may joy come to you and to our..... was-..... sail.....



5. Good master and good mistress, if
you will so incline,
come, send us out your roast beef, likewise your
Christmas chine;-
With a wassail, etc.
6. If you've any maids within your house, as I suppose
you've none,
They'd not let us stand a wassailing so long on this
cold stone;-
With a wassail, etc.
7. For we've wassailed all this day long, and nothing
could we find,
But an owl in an ivy-bush, and her we left behind;-
With a wassail, etc.
8. We'll cut a toast all round the loaf, and set it by
the fire,
We'll wassail bees, and apple-trees, unto
your heart's desire;-¹
With a wassail, etc.
9. Our purses they are empty, our purses they are thin,
They lack a little silver to line them well within;-
With a wassail, etc.
10. Hang out your silver tankard² upon your golden spear,
We'll come no more a wassailing, until another year;-
With a wassail, etc.³

1. Note (1843): Alluding to the custom of repeating certain rhymes to the bees and apple trees.

2. Note (1843): Or 'silken handkerchief', as some sing.

3. Note (1889): For other versions of the tune see Gilbert's Carols, and Chappell's Popular Music of the Olden Time, vol. 2, p. 752.

