

Welcome to the eighth Dunton Wassail.

Please join us in the following songs and Wassail toast. We would appreciate it if you could make as much noise as possible in the orchard after the Wassail Toast to scare off any malevolent spirits and to wake up the spirit of the apple trees to ensure a good crop of apples next year.

Apple Tree Wassail (D)

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!

Chorus:

(It's) Our wassail 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

Chorus

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 me boys harm, harm me boys harm,
A little more liquor won't do us no harm.

Chorus x 2

Here We Come A-Wassailing (D)

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a-wassailing
So fairly to be seen.

Chorus:

Love and joy come to you,
And to you our wassail too,
And God bless you and send you,
A Happy New Year,
God send you a Happy New Year.

We're not daily beggars,
That beg from door to door,
But we are neighbours children,
That you've seen before.

Chorus

God bless the master of this house,
And then the mistress too,
And all the little children,
that 'round the table grew.

Chorus

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a-wassailing
So fairly to be seen.

Chorus

Wassail Toast

Wassail the trees that they may bear, You many a plum and many a pear;
For more or less fruits they will bring, As you do give them wassailing.

Here's to thee, old apple tree, That blooms well, bears well.
Hats full, caps full, three bushel bags full, And all under one tree.
Hurrah. Hurrah.

Wass Hael! Drink Hael!



While it is true that Biggleswade is not renowned for its links to the sea, it now boasts its very own shanty singers!

We practice on the third Tuesday of the month at The Bigg Theatre at 8.00pm.

Come and give it a go!

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