

A Jolly Wassail

Christmas Carol Letter, 2024

Traditional Text

Music by Matt Wheeler

E A E F#m E B7 E

1. Was - sail, was - sail all o - ver the town, The cup it is white and the ale it is brown,
2. Now here at this house we first shall be - gin, To drink the King's health a cus - tom has been.
3. We hope your bar - ley doth pros - per and grow, That you may have bar - ley and beer to bes - tow.
4. We hope that your or - chards may blos - som and bear, That you may have ci - der a - gain the next year.
5. We wish you great plen - ty and long may you live, Be - cause you are wil - ling and free for to give
6. Now jol - ly old Christ - mas is pas - sing a - way, He's pos - ting off from us, and this the last day

E A E A E B7 E

Our was - sail is made of the good ale and true Some nut - meg and gin - ger the best we can brew.
Now un - to the Mas - ter we'll drink his good health, We hope he may pros - per in vir - tue and wealth.
And where you've one bu - shel we hope you'll have ten, That you may have beer when we vis - it a - gain.
And where you've one bar - rel we hope you'll have ten, That you may have ci - der when we come a - gain.
We give you our thanks and shall oft bear in mind How you have been boun - ti - ful, lo - ving and kind.
That we shall en - joy long 'o you to a - bide So fare - well, Old Christ - mas a mer - ry good tide!

E A E E/B B7 E

For its___ your was - sail! And its___ our was - sail! And joy be to you and a jol - ly was - sail!