

Cornish Wassail Song

Trad English

**Now Christmas is comen and New Year begin
Pray open your doors and let us come in**

**With our wassail, wassail, wassail, wassail
And joy come with our jolly wassail**

**O Master and Mistress sitting down by the fire
While we poor wassail boys are traveling the mire**

**This ancient house we will kindly salute
It is an old custom you need not dispute**

**We are here in this place, orderly we stand
We're the jolly wassail boys with a bowl in our hands**

**We hope that your apple trees will prosper and bear
And bring forth good cider when we come next year**

**We hope that your barley will prosper and grow
That you may have plenty and some to bestow**

**Good Mistress and Master how can you forbear
Come fill up out bowl with cider or beer**

**Good Mistress and Master sitting down at your ease
Put your hands in your pockets and give what you please**

**I wish you a blessing and a long time to live
Since you've been so free and willing to give**