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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

Chorus: For its your wassail and its our wassail And its 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 asitting by the fire Pray think on us poor travelers, a traveling in the mire

[chorus]

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 and cheese and a toast by the fire

[chorus]

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

[chorus]

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

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