

Here We Come a-Wassailing

Here we come a - - wess - all - ing a - - mong the leaves so green _____

And here we come a - - wan - - der - ing so fair _____ to be seen

Love and joy come to you and _____ to your wess - all too

And God bless you and send _____ you a ha - - ppy new year

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The musical score is written on five staves. The first two staves are in 6/8 time, the third in 2/4, and the last two in 4/4. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are some long lines under the lyrics, likely indicating where the singer should breathe or where the melody continues.

2. Bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth
Bring us out some bread and cheese and some of your Christmas loaf.
Love and joy....
3. I have a little purse of stretching leather skin
And I want some of your small change to line it well within
Love and joy....
4. God bless the master of this house, likewise the mistress too
And all the little children that round the table go
Love and joy....

Source: Emily Bishop, Bromsberrow Heath, 13th October 1952. Collected by Peter Kennedy