

Wassail Song (Nailsworth)

(Here we Come a-Wandering)

1. Here we come a - - wan - d'ring all through the fields so green.

Here we come a - - wan - d'ring, so faith - ful to be seen ___ We're not ___ dai - ly

be - ggars ___ that beg from door to door ___ We're

on - ly neigh - bours' chil - dren ___ that you have seen be - - fore.

2. Come out the butler of this house, put on your golden ring
 And bring us out a glass of beer, the better we will sing.
 And bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth,
 And bring us out a lump of beef and some of your Christmas love.

Second tune:

Now here-s luck to Joe Wa - lker and to his right arm. May God send Joe

Wa-lker a good crop of yarn. A good crop of yarn_ that all we could see. And a

Chorus

wass - ail - ing bowl now drink un - to me. Drink un - - to me,

drink un - to me. And a wass - ail - ing bowl come drink un - to me.

Source: Sung by Archie Gardner, Nailsworth. Collected by Richard Chidlaw and Andrew Kennett, April 1972.
 Notes: The Nailsworth wassailers sang first one tune, then the second. Verses to the second were improvised according to the person to whom they were singing.