

Wassail song (Cherington Wassail)

3. Here's to Che - rry and to her right eye — Pray God send our
 mis - tress a good Christ - mas pie, a good Christ - mas pie — as
 we may all see, With the was - sail — ing bowl., we'll — bring to thee. A thee.

1. Wassail, wassail all over the town.
 Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown.
 Ou bowl it is made of some mappelin tree.
 With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink unto thee. (repeat last 2 lines)

2. Here's to Broad and to his long harn ('horn').
 Pray God send our master a good crop of carn ('corn').
 A good crop of carn that we may all see,
 With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink unto thee. (repeat last 2 lines)

(Alternate words for verse 2:

A good crop of carn and another of hay To drive the cold wintery winds away.)

3. Here's to Cherry and to her right eye.
 Pray God send our mistress a good Christmas pie.
 A good Christmas pie as we may all see,
 With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink unto thee. (repeat last 2 lines)

4. Here's to Whitefoot and to her long tail.
 Pray God send our mster 'ave never a horse fail.
 But a bowl of strong beer to begin the New Year
 And then you shall hear our jolly wassail. (repeat last 2 lines)

5. Come butler, come fill us a bowl of the best.
 I hope that in heaven your sould may rest.
 But if you do fill us a bowl of the small,
 Then down goes butler, bowl and all. (repeat last 2 lines)

6. If there's any fair maid, which I hope there is one
 Pray ne'er let these young men stand on the cold stone.
 But step to the door and pull back the pin.
 The fairest maid in the house, pray let us all in. (repeat last 2 lines)

Source: Sung by Tom Tanner, Cherington, near Avening.

Collected by James Madison Carpenter between 1927 and 1935.

Notes: Carpenter's notes say "Mr Howes, Tom Tanner Mr Howes has know(n it) for 60 years ...
checked by Charlie Phelps,
7 Council Houses, Avening + 30 years with wassailing bowl."

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