

Wight Wassail

Lyrics - Malcolm Brown and Alan Phillips (who also provided the Wight Dialect)

Music - Malcolm Brown

C G C F C F

Was - sail Was - sail all ov - er the Wight, Good health to you Good - man good health to your

10 G C F C C C G C

wife, Come op - en your door, we're shram - med so much, and give us zome cid - er to zwal - ly an' glutch. Was

19 C Am G C C G C

sail Was - sail a jol - ly gurt Was - sail, so bring out zome nam - met and join our Was - sail. We hope that your

28 F C F G C

ap - ple trees pros - per and bear, and bring forth good ci - der with am - ple to spare, so when we re - turn and Was

37 F C C G C C

sail you next year, you'll have twice the ci - der and no more small beer. Was - sail Was - sail a

45 Am G C G C

jol - ly gurt Was - sail, so bring out zome nam - met and join our Was - sail.

Wassail, Wassail all over the Wight
 Good Health to you Goodman, Good Health to your Wife
 Come open your door, we're shrammed so much
 And give us zome cider to zwally an' glutch.

(Chorus)

Wassail, Wassail, a jolly gurt Wassail
 So bring out zome nammet and join our Wassail.

We hope that your apple trees prosper and bear
 And bring forth good cider with ample to spare
 So when we return and Wassail you next year
 You'll have twice the cider and no more small beer.

Our Wassail is made from fine cider the best
 With nutmeg and ginger it's perfectly dressed
 Our bowl it is made from a great willow tree
 And now all you Caulkheads we'll drink it in three

Come Missus and give us a mighty gurt feast
 To scoggel and snobble and scrannel like geese
 We'll zwally your cider and gollop your beer
 And when we're all crapzick we'll give you a cheer

Come ladies and damsels in your fancy shawls
 And your lily white smocks, good health to you all
 The year has now passed and with it your sins
 But there's lots of gurt new ones as this year begins.

Isle of Wight Dialect:

Gurt - Great
 Zome - Some
 Shrammed - Benumbed with cold
 Zwally and Glutch - Swallow and gulp
 Nammet - Bread, Cheese and strong drink
 Scoggel - Gulp down
 Snobble - Devour greedily
 Scrannel - Eat greedily
 Gollop - Gulp down
 Crapzick - Sick from over-eating
 Caulkheads - Wight Islanders

An alternative chorus:

Wassail, Wassail, a gurt Wight Wassail
 So bring out some nammet and join our Wassail