

Sugar Wassail

Traditional Sussex carol

Collected by John Broadwood (1798-1864)

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1. A was - sail, a was - sail, a was - sail we be - gin, With
2. Good mas - ter and good miss - tress, as you sit by the fire, Con -
3. Good mas - ter and good miss - tress, if you will be but will - ing, Come,
4. Good mas - ter and good miss - tress, if thus it should you please, Come,
5. Good mas - ter and good miss - tress, if you will so in - cline, Come,

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CHORUS.

1. su - gar strands and cin - na - mon, and o - ther spi - ces in;
2. si - der us poor was - sail - ers, who trav - el through the mire; *With a was - sail, a*
3. send us out your el - dest son, with six - pence or a shilling;
4. send us out your white loaf, like - wise your Christ - mas cheese;
5. send us out your roast beef, like - wise your Christ - mas chine;

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was - sail, a jol - ly was - sail, And may joy come to you and to

our was - sail; With a was - sail, a was - sail, a jol - ly was -

sail, And may joy come to you, and to our was - sail.

6. If you've any maids within your house, as I suppose you've none,
They not let us stand a-wassailing so long, on this cold stone;
With a wassail, &c.
7. For we've wassailed all this day long, and nothing could we find,
But an owl in an ivy-bush, and her we left behind;
With a wassail, &c.
8. We'll cut a toast all round the loaf, and set it by the fire,
We'll wassail bees and apple-trees, unto your heart's desire;
With a wassail, &c.
9. Our purses they are empty, our purses they are thin,
They lack a little silver to line them well within.
With a wassail, &c.
10. Hang out your silver tankard upon your golden spear,
We'll come no more a wassailing in until another year.
With a wassail, &c.