

“Gloucestershire Wassail”

The rousing traditional English carol, “Gloucestershire Wassail”, first published in 1813, tells of a happy group of carolers wandering through town expecting good refreshment, food and cheer in return for their exciting singing.

This fun Barbershop setting by Arnold Harris reflects the joy of caroling and ends with repetition of the word “wassail” the liquid refreshment most desired by the singers!

Gloucestershire Wassail (Barbershop Style)

Traditional English Carol

arranged by Arnold Harris ©2015

With spirit ♩ = 100

TENOR
LEAD

1. Was - sail, was - sail, all o - ver the town, our
 2. here's to Cher - ry and to his right cheek, pray
 3. butler come fill us a bowl of the best, then

BARITONE
BASS

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1. toast it is white and our ale it is brown, our
 2. God send our mas - ter a good piece of beef, and a
 3. we hope that your soul in hea - ven may rest, but

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1. bowl it is made of the white ma - ple tree, with the
 2. good piece of beef that may we all see, with the
 3. if you do draw us a bowl of the small, then

13

1. was sail - ing bowl we'll drink to thee. 2. So
2. was - sail - ing bowl we'll drink to thee. 3. And
3. down will go but - ler bowl and all. Was -

1.2. TAG

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sail, was - sail was - sail was - sail was -

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sail, was - sail, was - sail, was - sail.

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