

# Wassail Song – Laverton William Bayliss (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 7-Apr-1909

Sung by William Bayliss (63)  
at Laverton, Buckland, Glos

Was - sail O was - sail all o - ver the town our toast it is white and our ale it is brown Our

9 bowl it is made of the may po - li tree With the was-sai-ling bowl we'll drink to thee.

17 Drink to thee Drink to thee with the was-sai ling bowl we'll drink to thee.

1. Wassail, O wassail, all over the town,  
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown  
Our bowl it is made of the maypoli tree,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee,  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

2. Here is to Cherry on his right cheek,  
Pray God send my master a good piece of beef,  
And a good piece of beef that may we all see;  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

3. Here is to Cherry on his right eye,  
Pray God send my master a good Christmas pie,  
And a good Christmas pie that may we all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

4. Here is to Cherry on his right ear  
Pray God send my master a happy New Year  
A happy new year as ever you see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

5. Here is to Cherry on his right arm,  
May God send my master a good crop of corn,  
And a good crop of corn that may we all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

6. Here is to Cherry on his left ear,  
Pray God send my master a barrel of beer,  
And a barrel of beer that may we all see  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee,  
Drink to thee, drink to thee,  
With the wassailing bowl we'll drink to thee.

*Song as collected by Cecil Sharp*

*Source: Sharp manuscript ref FT2132, words from a typed page by Sharp FW2011 & FW2012*

- Notes:
1. Singer age was noted by Sharp. It appears from census records that William Bayliss lived in Laverton which is near Buckland. Sharp notes it as Buckland
  2. Sharps notes that 'Cherry' may be substituted with a favourite horse name
  3. Sharp has typed the last three verses with '.....' in several places. We have interpreted the dots as repeated patterns of each verse, as shown above. This looks most likely correct since Sharp, on one 'ditto' line has hand-written the expected repeated words
  4. We've been told by a Laverton resident that locally this is known as 'The Buckland Carol'

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