

Wassail Song – Frocester, Harry Aldrich

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Sung by Harry Aldrich (66)
at The George Hotel, Frocester, Glos

Way - sa - il, way - sa - il all o - ver the town, Our bread it is
white and our ale it is brown, And the bowl it is made of the best pop-lar
tree, To me way - sail-ing bowl I'll drink un - to thee. Way
sa - il, way - sa - il to me jol - ly way - sail. And
joy shall go with our jol - ly way - sail.

1. Waysail, Waysail all over the town,
Our bread it is white and our ale it is brown,
And the bowl it is made of the best poplar tree,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink unto thee.

2. Here's health unto Colly and to her right ear,
Pray God send our farmers a happy New Year,
And a happy new year that we may all see,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink unto thee.

3. Here's health unto Colly and to her right arm,
Pray God send our farmers a good crop of corn,
And a good crop of corn that we may all see,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink unto thee.

4. Here's health unto Colly and to her right hip,
Pray God send our farmers a good flock of sheep,
And a good flock of sheep that we may all see,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink unto thee.

5. Here's health unto Colly and to her right leg,
Pray God send our farmers a good fattin pig,
And a good fattin pig that we may all see,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink until thee.

6. Here's health unto Colly and to her right foot,
Pray God send our farmers a good crop of fruit,
And a good crop of fruit that we may all see,
To me waysailing bowl, I'll drink until thee.

7. There was an old 'oman, she had but one cow,
And how to maintain it she did not know how,
So she built it a barn to keep her cow warm,
And a drop of your beer will do me no harm.

8. Come butler, come butler with a bowl of your best,
I hope that in Heaven your soul it will rest,
But if butler don't bring us a bowl of the small,
Then down shall go butler bowl and all.
Waysail, waysail to me jolly waysail,
And joy shall go with our jolly waysail.

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Notes 'oman = woman

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