

## Wassailing (Here we come a')

*Words and Music: English Traditional. "Wassail" is an old English word for a toast similar to "Good Health" and the wassail is the content of the glass or goblet (spiced or mulled wine or ale). Wassailing is a traditional rural event carried out in January to wish the land-owners a good harvest - traditionally for cider apples - in the coming year and to cadge a bit of money from them.*

*Ratching means scratched or torn*

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green;  
*Here we come a-wassailing, so fair to be seen.*

### Chorus

*Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail, too.  
And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year  
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*We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door;  
But we are neighbours' children whom you have seen before.*

### Chorus

*Good master and good mi-s-tress, as you sit by the fire,  
Pray think of us poor children, who stand here in the mire.*

### Chorus

*We have a little pu-rse made of ratching leather skin;  
We want some of your small change to line it well within.*

### Chorus

*God bless the master of this house, likewise the mistress, too;  
And all the little children that round the table go.*

### Chorus