

## Down Among the Dead Men

*Not a shanty. This is a traditional English tune which dates to at least 1700. The words were written by John Dyer (1700-58). The air appears in *The Dancing Master* (circa 1726). It was popular during Queen Anne's reign, but this version refers to George I ("Here's a health to the King"). Roud 9623, V5128.*

*The 'dead men' are empty bottles.*

Here's a health to the King, and a lasting peace  
To faction: an end, to wealth: increase  
Come, let's drink it while we have breath  
For there's no drinking after death  
And he that will this health deny

### Chorus

*Down among the dead men  
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Down, down, down, down  
Down among the dead men let him lie*

Let charming beauty's health go round  
In whom celestial joys are found  
May confusion still pursue  
The selfish woman-hating crew  
And they that women's health deny

In smiling Bacchus' joys I'll roll  
Deny no pleasure to my soul  
Let Bacchus' health round briskly move  
For Bacchus is a friend to Love  
And he that will this health deny

May love and wine their rites maintain  
And their united pleasure reign  
While Bacchus' treasure crowns the board  
We'll sing the joys that both afford  
And they that won't with us comply