

# Old Christmas Returned

*1660's / tune: The Delights of the Bottle*

CAPO 5

**C(G)** **F(C)** **G7(D7)**

1. All \_\_\_ you that to feast - ing and mirth are in - clined, Come \_\_\_  
 2. The \_\_\_ hol - ly and i - - vy a - - bout the walls wind, And \_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_ cooks shall be bus - ied, by day and by night, In \_\_\_  
 4. Al - - though the cold wea - ther doth hun - ger pro - voke, 'Tis a  
 5. All \_\_\_ tra - vel - lers, as they do pass on their way, At \_\_\_

6. The \_\_\_ cooks and the scul - lion who toil in their frocks, Their \_\_\_  
 7. Then \_\_\_ well may we wel - come Old Christ - mas to town, Who \_\_\_

**[G7(D7)]** **D7(A7)** **G(D)**

here is \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_ news for to pleas - ure your mind, Old \_\_\_  
 show \_\_\_\_\_ that we ought to our neigh - bours be kind, In -

roast - - - ing and boil - ing, for taste and de - light; Their \_\_\_  
 com - - - fort to see how the chim - neys do smoke; Pro -  
 gen - - - tle - men's halls are in - - vit - - ed to stay, Them -

hopes \_\_\_\_\_ do de - pend up - on their Christ - mas - box; There \_\_\_  
 brings \_\_\_\_\_ us good cheer \_\_\_ and li - - quor so brown, To \_\_\_

**F(C)** **A(E)** **F(C)** **G(D)**

Christ - mas is come for to keep op - - en house, He \_\_\_  
 - vit - ing each o - - ther for pas - time and sport, And \_\_\_

sens - es in li - - quor that's nap - py they'll steep, Though \_\_\_  
 - vi - sion is mak - ing for beer, ale, and wine, For \_\_\_  
 - selves to re - fresh, and their hors - es to rest, Since \_\_\_

are ver - - y few that do live on the earth But en -  
 pass the cold win - - ter a - - way with de - - light, We \_\_\_

**G7(D7)**                      **F(C)**                      **Gm(Dm)**                      **F(C)**

scorns to be guil - - ty of starv - ing a mouse! Then \_\_\_\_\_  
 where we best fare, there we most do re - - sort, We \_\_\_\_\_

they be af - - ford - ed to have lit - - tle sleep; They \_\_\_\_\_  
 all that are will - ing or read - y to dine; Then \_\_\_\_\_  
 that he must be \_\_\_\_\_ Old Christ - mas - - 's guest; Nay, \_\_\_\_\_ the

-joy at this time eith - er pro - - fit or mirth; Yea, \_\_\_\_\_  
 feast it all day, and we fro - - lic all night; Both \_\_\_\_\_

**Dm(Am)**                      **G7(D7)**                      **C(G)**                      **F(C)**

come, boys, and wel - come for di - - et the chief, Plum -  
 fail not for vic - - tuals, and that of the chief, Plum -

still are em - ployed for to dress us, in brief, Plum -  
 haste to the kit - - chen, for di - - et the chief: Plum -  
 poor shall not wait, \_\_\_\_\_ but have, for re - - lief, Plum -

those that are charg - ed to find all re - - lief, Plum -  
 hun - ger and cold we keep out with re - - lief, Plum -

**Dm(Am)**                      **C(G)**                      **F(C)**                      **G7(D7)**                      **C(G)**

-pud - ding, goose, ca - - pon, minced pies, and roast beef.

Probably written just after the Restoration of Charles II (1660). During the previous eleven years of the Commonwealth rule, the Puritans had restricted seasonal festivities. With the general reforms that came with Charles II's reign, there was a general revival of the old hospitality and celebration. This included a return to old Christmas customs and celebrations.

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