

# The Wassail Bough

*Yorkshire, West Riding*

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1. Here we come a - was - sail - ing, a - mong the leaves of green;
2. We are not dail - y beg - - gars, that beg from door to door;
3. I have a lit - tle purse, — it is made of leath - er skin;
4. Bring us out the ta - - ble, and spread it with a cloth;
5. God bless the mas - ter of the house, O, bless the mis - tress too;

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Here we come a - - wan - der - ing, so fair - ly to be seen.  
 We are the neigh - bors' child - ren, whom you have seen be - fore.  
 I want a lit - - tle six - pence, to line it well with - in.

Bring us out the bread and cheese, and a bit of your Christ - mas loaf.  
 Al - so the lit - - tle child - ren, which round the ta - ble grew.

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Our — jol - ly was - sail, Our — jol - ly was - sail, Love and

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joy come to you, and to our was - sail bough; Pray God bless you, and

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send you a hap - py New Year, A New Year, — A New Year. —

G D A D

— Pray God bless you, and send you a hap - py New Year.

In South Yorkshire the children carry green boughs and wave them over their heads, asking for a New Year's gift.

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