

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 ___



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 _____



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 -



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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In www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com see: "All You That To Feasting and Mirth Are Inclined"