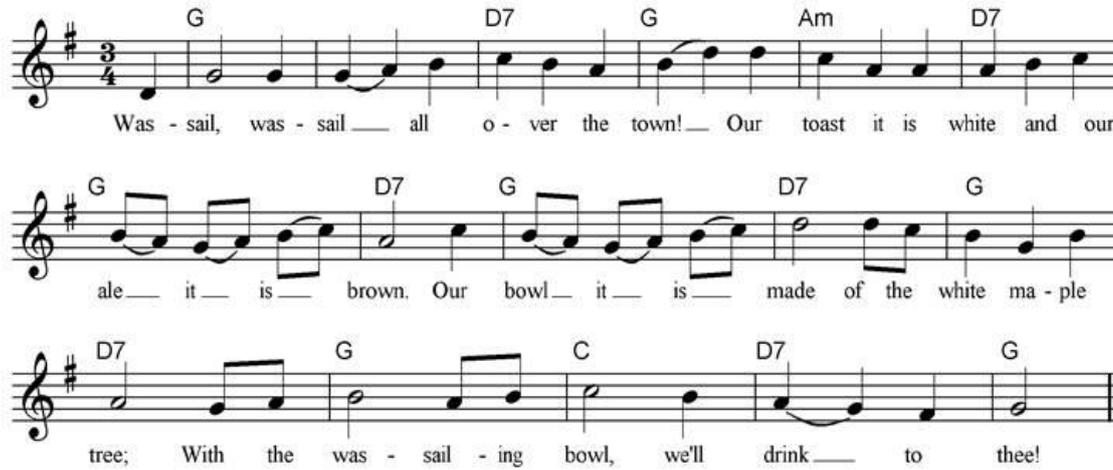


Gloucestershire wassail

This simple version of the Gloucestershire wassail comes from BBC radio's 'Time and tune' Autumn 1960. During the Christmas period groups of people went from door to door singing this wassail. Find out more about the song and wassailing customs at: <http://www.gloschristmas.com/wassail/gloucestershire-wassail-3/>



The image shows a musical score for the Gloucestershire wassail. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has chords G, D7, G, Am, and D7. The second staff has chords G, D7, G, D7, and G. The third staff has chords D7, G, C, D7, and G.

Was - sail, was - sail — all o - ver the town! — Our toast it is white and our
ale — it — is — brown. Our bowl — it — is — made of the white ma - ple
tree; With the was - sail - ing bowl, we'll drink — to thee!



Wassail! Wassail all over the town!
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown.
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree;
With the wassailing-bowl, we'll drink to thee!

So here is to Cherry and to his right cheek,
Pray God send our master a good piece of beef.
And a good piece of beef that may we all see;
With the wassailing-bowl, we'll drink to thee!

And here is to Dobbin and to his right eye;
Pray God send our mistress a good Christmas pie,
And a good Christmas pie that we may all see;
With our wassailing-bowl, we'll drink to thee!

And here is to Fillpail and to her left ear;
Pray God send our master a Happy New Year,
And a happy New Year as e'er he did see;
With our wassailing-bowl, we'll drink to thee!

Then here's to the maid in the lily-white smock,
Who tripped to the door and slipped back the lock!
Who tripped to the door and pulled back the pin,
For to let those jolly wassailers in.