

Souling song (2)

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An old English tradition and precursor of Halloween.

Once a year on All Souls Day, November 2nd children and the poor would go from door to door asking for 'soul cakes' and other things such as clothes food and money in return for prayers to ensure a brief stay in Purgatory:

'Souling' was the predecessor of 'trick or treating' for Halloween.

Find more here: [Souling Song \(Roud 304\) \(mainlynorfolk.info\)](#)

Find a shorter version I recorded some years back:

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Chorus

A soul, a soul, a soul cake! Please, good mis - sus, a soul cake! An ap - ple, a pear, a plum or a cher - ry, A - ny good thing to make us mer - ry. One for Pe - ter, two for Paul. Three for Him that made us all. God bless the mas - ter of this house And the mis - tress al - The cat - tle in your sta - ble, The dog by your front so, And all the lit - tle chil - dren that round your ta - ble grow. door. And all that dwells with - in your gates We wish you ten times more.



CHORUS

*A soul, a soul, a soul cake!
Please, good missus, a soul cake!
An apple, a pear, a plum or a cherry,
Any good thing to make us merry.
One for Peter, two for Paul,
Three for Him that made us all.*

God bless the master of this house and the mistress also
And all the little children that round your table grow,
The cattle in your stable, the dog by your front door,
And all that dwells within your gates,
We wish you ten times more.

CHORUS

Go down into your cellar and see what you can find,
If your barrel is not empty we'll hope you will prove kind;
We'll hope you will prove kind with your apples and strong
beer,
We'll come no more a-souling until this time next year.

CHORUS

The lanes are very dirty, my shoes are very thin,
I've got a little pocket to put a penny in.
If you haven't got a penny, a ha' penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha' penny, then God bless you.

CHORUS