



Three Festive Yule Rounds

These three rounds celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Dave Camlin's *Peace and Joy Wassail* presents a straightforward introduction to the three. The first half of the melody (bars 1-4) moves by step and is very easy to remember.

Bring in the New Year! Sing out the Dark night are a bit more challenging, but well worth the effort. When practising the melodies, make sure syncopated rhythms are secure before breaking into rounds

Wassailing

Wassail is a spiced ale drink associated with Christmas and New Year. The tradition of Wassailing may date back to Saxon times. The reply to the greeting 'Wæs hæþ' ('Good health!') was 'Drinc hæþ' (drink and be healthy!).

Wassailers went from door to door singing carols and spreading good wishes. They would invite householders to drink from a bowl of wassail, and in return receive money, drink and food.

The following carol is well known:

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green
Her we come a-wassailing
So fair to be seen

Love and joy come to you
And to you your wassail too
And God bless you and send you
A happy new year
And God send you
A happy new year