

All Hail to the Days

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All hail to the days that merit more praise
 Than all the rest of the year,
 And welcome the nights that double delights
 As well for as the peer as the poor !
 Good fortune attend each merry man's friend,
 That doth but the best that he may;
 Forgetting old wrongs, with carols and songs,
 To drive the cold winter away.

This time of the year is spent in good cheer,
 And neighbours together do meet
 To sit by the fire, with friendly desire,
 Each other in love to greet;
 Old grudges forgot are put in the pot,
 All sorrows aside they lay;
 The old and the young doth carol this song
 To drive the cold winter away.

To mask and to mum kind neighbours will come
 With wassails of nut-brown ale,
 To drink and carouse to all in the house
 As merry as bucks in the dale;
 Where cake, bread, and cheese is brought for your fees
 To make you the longer stay;
 At the fire to warm 'twill do you no harm,
 To drive the cold winter away.

When Christmas's tide come in like a bride
 With holly and ivy clad,
 Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer
 In every household is had;
 The country guise is then to devise
 Some gambols of Christmas play,
 Whereat the young men do best that they can
 To drive the cold winter away.

When white-bearded frost hath threatened his worst,
 And fallen from branch and briar,
 Then time away calls from husbandry halls
 And from the good countryman's fire,
 Together to go, to plough and to sow
 To get us both food and array,
 And thus will content the time we have spend
 To drive the cold winter away.



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Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
 To hear the news the angels bring;
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 To hear the news the angels bring;
 News of great joy, news of great mirth,
 News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad,
 Since our Redeemer made us glad; (rpt)
 When from our sin He set us free,
 All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace,
 Then life and health come in its place; (rpt)
 Angels and men with joy may sing,
 All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
 Which made the angels sing this night; (rpt)
 "Glory to God and peace to men,
 Now and for ever more. Amen."

As I Sat on a Sunny Bank

As I sat on a sun-ny bank, a sun-ny bank a sun-ny bank; As
 I sat on a sun - ny bank, on Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing

As I sat on a sunny bank,
 a sunny bank, a sunny bank;
 As I sat on a sunny bank
 on Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing in,
 come sailing in, come sailing in;
 I saw three ships come sailing in
 on Christmas Day in the morning.

I ask-ed them what they had in,
 (etc.)

They said they had the Saviour in,
 (etc.)

I ask-ed them where they found him,
 (etc.)

They said they'd found him in Bethlehem,
 (etc.)

Now all the bells on Earth shall ring,
 (etc.)

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
 (etc.)

As I sat on a sunny bank,
 (etc.)