

The Boar's Head

traditional, arr. Edward L. Stauff

$\text{♩} = 160$

1. The boar's head in hand bear I, Be -
 2. The boar's head, as I un - - der - - stand, Is the
 3. Our stew - - ard hath pro - - vi - - ded this, In

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 - decked with bays and rose - ma - ry; And I pray you my mas - ters
 rar - est dish in all the land, Which thus be - - decked with a
 hon - or of the Queen of bliss, Which on this day to be

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 be mer - - ry, Quot es - - tis in con - vi - - vi - o.
 gay gar - - land, Let us ser - - vi - - re can - - ti - co.
 ser - - ved is, In re - - gi - - nen - - si a - - tri - o.

9 CHORUS (repeat last time)
 Ca - put a - pri de - - fe - - ro, red - dens lau - - des Do - mi - - no.

1. The boar's head in hand bear I,
 Bedecked with bays and rosemary;
 And I pray you my masters be merry,
 Quot estis in convivio.
 [So many as are in the feast.]
 Caput apri defero, reddens laudes Domino.
 [The boar's head I bring,
 giving praises to God.]

2. The boar's head, as I understand,
 Is the rarest dish in all the land,
 Which thus be decked with a gay garland,
 Let us servire cantico.
 [Let us serve with a song.]
 Caput apri defero, reddens laudes Domino.

3. Our steward hath provided this,
 In honor of the Queen of bliss,
 Which on this day to be served is,
 In reginensi atrio.
 [In the Queen's hall.]
 Caput apri defero, reddens laudes Domino.

We use the Queen's College, Oxford setting from *The Oxford Book of Carols*.