

# The Boar's Head

traditional, arr. Edward L. Stauff

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 largely follow the Queen's College, Oxford setting from *The Oxford Book of Carols*. One difference is that we repeat the chorus following the last verse.