

# Rumsey Road Wassail

## Old Apple Tree Wassail

trad. English (Somerset)

with a swing ♩ = 96



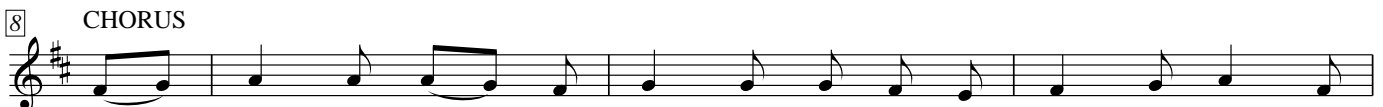
1. Old ap - - ple tree, \_\_\_ we was - sail thee, \_\_\_ And hope that thou will
2. The mor - - ris dan \_\_\_ cers come each year \_\_\_ to sing be - neath your
3. The Mam - mal Roast \_\_\_ brings ma - - ny friends \_\_\_ to eat and drink and
4. The King - ston Black \_\_\_ bleeds bit - - ter sharp, \_\_\_ Brown Snout is bit - - ter -



bear. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord doth know \_\_\_\_\_ where  
 boughs. \_\_\_\_\_ They drink your ci - - - der  
 play. \_\_\_\_\_ They see your swel - - - ling  
 - sweet. \_\_\_\_\_ The ap - - - ples grown \_\_\_\_\_ at



we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ when ap \_\_\_\_\_ ples come next year. \_\_\_\_\_  
 by the fire \_\_\_\_\_ and hap \_\_\_\_\_ pi - - ly ca - - rouse. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fruit, and toast to the com - - - ing har - - vest day. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stone Fence Farm make a har - - - mo - - ny com - - plete. \_\_\_\_\_



For it's stand well, trunk, \_\_\_ and bear well, branch, \_\_\_ so mer - - ry let us



be; \_\_\_\_\_ Let all of us \_\_\_ take off our hats and shout out to the old ap - ple tree! \_\_\_\_\_  
 - - [last time] Take off your hat \_\_\_ and shout Hoo - ray! \_\_\_ for Pe - - ter's ap - - ple trees! \_\_\_\_\_

Shouted:  
 Hatfuls, capfuls, three bushel bagfuls  
 And a little heap under the stairs  
 Hip! Hip! Hurray!

*The tune and first verse and chorus, with minor changes, are traditional. Verses 2-4 and final chorus were written by Susan Galbraith, in honor of Peter Hoover and his Stone Fence Farm cider orchard in Trumansburg, NY. We are gratified to have been able to perform this carol for Peter, and do a proper wassail of his orchard, including a mummers play written for him, on January 19, 2019. He died peacefully, 80 years young, surrounded by his family, on October 11, 2019.*