Drive the Cold Winter Away

Traditional English Ballad, ca 1650

Tuning: D-F#-A
Merrily

melody: "Drive the Cold Winter Away"
or "When Phoebus Did Rest"

1. All hail to the days that merit more praise Than
   wassails of brown ale, And
   welcome the nights that double delights As
   well for the poor as the dale;

2. To mask and to mum, kind neighbours will come With
   merri ly greet the time To
   make it appear all in the house As
   merry as bucks in the prime;

3. Thus none will allow of solitude now But
   neighbours to gather do meet To
   sit by the fire with all the whole year That
   this is accounted the prime to greet;

4. This time of the year is spent in good cheer, Kind
   all the rest of the year! And
   drink and carouse with all in the house As
   other in love to greet;
for - tune at - tend each mer - ry man's friend
that
cake, bread and cheese are bought for your fees
and
cem - ber is seen ap - pa - rel'd in green,

grudg - es, for - got, are put in the pot,

All
doth but the best that he may,
for -
make you the long er stay;

The
Jan - u'ry fresh as May
sor - rows a - side they lay;

The
get - ting old wrongs with car - ols and songs
fire to warm, will do you no harm,

doing a long with a cup

To
old and the young doth car - ol this song

To

drive the cold win - ter a - way.
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