

Donkeyfield Community Orchard Wassail 2024

1. Bear Good Fruit

Words: 19th Century South Hams

Music: Jane Lewis 2017

Apple tree, apple tree bear good fruit
Or down with your top and up with your
root

2. Carhampton Wassail

Trad. Somerset, arr. Penny Stone

Old apple tree we'll wassail thee,
And hope that thou wilt bear
For Lord doth know where we shall be
come apples another year.

For to bloom well and to bear well,
So merry let us be
Let ev'ry one take off their hat
And shout out to the old apple tree (x2)

(Spoken)

Old apple tree we'll wassail thee,
And hoping thou wilt bear
Hatfulls, capfulls, 3 bushel bagfulls
and a little 'eap under the stair!

3. Wassail Round the Branches Bare

Jane Lewis 2018

1. Root and shoot and bud and berry
Apple, pear and plum and cherry,
Friends and neighbours let's be merry
*Wassail round the branches bare,
Wassail round the branches bare,
Oh wassail round the branches*

2. Robin Redbreast fluffed and free,
Perching on the feasting tree,
May there be fruit for you and me
Wassail etc

3. Summer sun and autumn showers,
Plenty work and lazy hours
Drink a toast for orchard flowers
Wassail etc

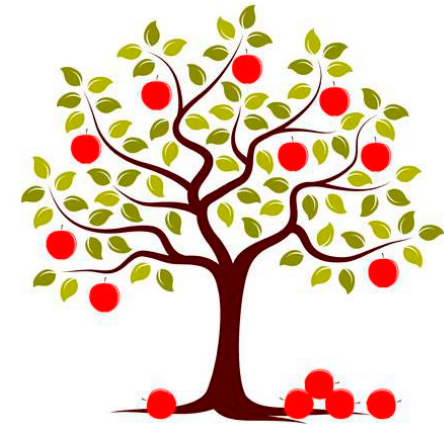
4. Splash some cider round the roots,
Stamp the earth down with your boots,
May the tree put out new shoots
Wassail etc

4. Donkeyfield Community Orchard Canon

Tune: Tallis canon

Words: Jane Lewis

James Grieve, Coul Blush, Lass O'
Gowrie,
Ard Cairn Russet, Discovery,
East Lothian Pippin, Scotch Dumpling,
Mabbot's Permain, Carlisle Codlin.



5. Wassail Apples and Pears

Kim Campbell-Thomas

Wassail the trees so that this year they
bear,
Many an apple and many a pear
Apples pears, apples, pears, tasty apples,
juicy pears!

We bless the apples (x2) we bless the
pears
Be in good health (x3)

6. Give thanks to the Wood Wide Web: A Wassail Waltz for the Fungi

Jane Lewis 2022 With thanks to Merlin Sheldrake

1. Mycelial networks under my feet,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
Sustaining all life and the apples we eat,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
2. So waltz with the hyphae, tip and strand,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
The makers, unmakers of the underland
Give thanks to the wood wide web
3. Branching and forking, tangling and swarming,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
Partnering, fusing, linking and sharing,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
4. So wassail the fungi who live down below,
Give thanks to the wood wide web
Stitching together the worlds that we know,
Give thanks to the wood wide web (x3)

7. Coventry Wassail

Trad, arr. Jane Lewis

Oh apple, apple tree,
We have come to wassail thee
Will you bear some fruit for me
When the season changes?

8. May there be Fruitfulness

Jane Lewis 2019

To your health, dear tree to the depth of your root,
To your health, dear tree to the tip of your shoot,
To your health dear friend as I take your hand,
May peace grow in these troubled days
May we learn more loving ways
May there be fruitfulness – wassail!

9. Wassail the Worm

Jane Lewis 2024

A
Transforming the soil enriching the earth,
Slow and steady, slow and steady,
Underground farmers working below,
Helping the plants to grow
Wassail the worm (x2), wassail the wassail the worm

Recycling the leaves and draining the land,
Slow and steady, slow and steady,
Tunnelling down right into the ground,
Moving without a sound
Wassail the worm (x2), wassail the wassail the worm

B
Dew worm, rain worm, night crawler,
Ground worm, wriggler, gardener's friend
Soil worm, dirt worm, annelid,
Oligochaete, earthworm
Wassail the worm (x2), wassail the wassail the worm.