

# APPLE TREE WASSAIL

This wassail was part of a ritual to insure new growth in fruit trees. At night, bits of lambs' wool, dipped in old cider, were affixed to the branches. Then, the celebrants would sing, dance, shout, and make other loud noises to drive away evil spirits. This is an early carol from Somerset.

Chords: G, D7, G, D7

	Old	ap - ple tree	we'll	was - sail thee	and	hop - ing thou	wilt
	5	1' 1' 7 6 5		4' 4' 2' 3' 4'		3' 1' 2' 7	
		3		6		5	4

Chords: G, D7

	bear;	The	Lord	does know	where	we	shall be to be
	1'	5	1'	1' 7 6 5		4'	4' 2' 3' 4'
	3	1	3			6	

Chords: G, D7, G, G

	mer - ry	an - o - ther	year.	To	blow	well and to
	3' 3' 1' 2' 7		1'	3' 4'	5'	5' 4' 3'
	5	4	3	1		3' 1'

Chords: D7, G, D7

	bear	well and so	mer - ry let us	be;	Let
	4'	4' 3' 2'	3' 4' 5' 3'	2'	5
	7 5		1'	7	

Chords: G, D7, G, D7, G

	ev - ry man	drink up	his cup	Here's health	to the old ap - ple	tree.
	1' 1' 7 6 5	4' 4' 2' 3' 4'		3' 1' 1' 2' 7 7	1'	
	3	4		1' 4	3	1