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## Belly Wassail

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I wish you a merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year  
With a pocket full of apples and a Belly full of beer

Chorus: Moorzeal, Moorzeal Moorzeal Moorzeal

The Mistress and master sitting down by the fire  
While we poor jolly sailor-boys are walking in the mire

In comes I little man Jack  
With my wife upon my back

In comes I old Beelzebub,  
On my shoulder I carry a club

The mistress and master they won't give a fig  
But set down by the fire and grunt like a pig

A-wersey, A-wersey  
Joy come home with Johnny Wersey

-First verse is from Folk Songs From Somerset, Fourth Series as an opening to a New Year Card., The verse with little man jack comes from a Penponds singer and was part of a St. George play. The last verse is from Cornwall. Source: Sung by Mrs. Woolcock, Park Road, Camborne, June 30, 1926., Noted by J. Miners and J.E. Thomas, Journal of the Folk Song Society 8 1927-31 #33 Dec. 1929.pp.123-124.

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