

Deck the Halls

This Welsh carol was first found in a musical manuscript by Welsh harpist John Parry Dall. It dates back to the sixteenth century. The poet John Ceiriog Hughes wrote the first published lyrics for the carol in Welsh, titled *Nos Galan* (*New Year's Eve*). In the eighteenth century the tune spread widely, with Mozart using it in a piano and violin concerto. J.P.McCaskey is credited with the first English version of the carol in 1881.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la, la la la, la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus.

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.