

# We Wish You a Merry Christmas

The author and composer of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* cannot be traced; however, we know that it dates back to sixteenth-century England. This carol is one of the few traditional holiday songs that mention the New Year's celebration. The carol reflects the tradition of carolers being given Christmas treats for singing to wealthy members of the community.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.**

**We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**