

# Cornish Carol

As sung by  
John Persons

Originally a whole step lower  
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## Greeting Carol

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Oh we have come to your door to nei-ther beg nor bor-row, — but we have come to  
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your door to wash a-way your sor-rows. — For it's in the Christ-mas times we tra-vel  
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far and near, we wish you a mer-ry Christ-mas and a hap-py new year. —

## Departing Carol

We wish you a mer-ry Christ-mas and a hap-py new year, — with your poc-kets full of  
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mon-ey and your cel-lars full of be-er. — As long as you live — hap-py may you  
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be, — with a heart's con-tent and your for-tunes free. —

## Greeting Carol

Oh we have come to your door to neither beg nor borrow,  
But we have come to your door to wash away your sorrows.  
For it's in the Christmas times  
We travel far and near,  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## Departing Carol

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year,  
With your pockets full of money and your cellars full of beer.  
As long as you live  
Happy may you be,  
With a heart's content and your fortunes free.

\* (Pitch and tonality difficult to define)

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## Critical Commentary

### HST notes:

In the Professional Papers series:

*John Persons. Cornish boys used to sing this in Sarnney [?] Hollow near Dodgeville as late as 1876, when Mr. Persons was about 17. A carry over of the old Cornish carol "God bless the master of this house." The Cornish first came to S.W. Wisconsin between 1830-40.*

K.G.