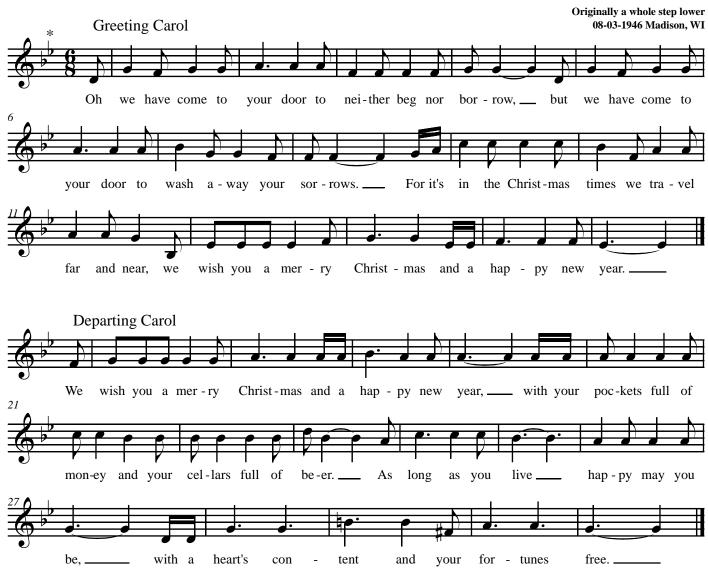
Cornish Carol

As sung by John Persons



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

* (Pitch and tonality difficult to define)

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 you fortunes free.

Cornish Carol

Critical Commentary

HST notes:

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John Persons. Cornish boys used to sing this in Sarrney [?] 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.

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