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Carol — Christmas Cheer

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Again the time is come wherein
Our Saviour Christ was born,
The larders full of beef and pork,
The garner filled with corn.
As God hath plenty to thee sent,
Take comfort of thy labours,
And let it never thee repent
To feast thy needy neighbours.
Let fires in every chimney be,
That people they may warm them;
Tables with dishes covered,
Good victuals will not harm them.
With mutton, veal, beef, pig, and pork,
Well furnish every board;
Plum-pudding, furmity, and what
Thy stock will then afford.
No niggard of thy liquor be;
Let it go round the table;
People may freely drink, but not
So long as they are able.
Good customs — they may be abused,
Which makes rich men to slack us;
This feast is to relieve the poor,
And not to drunken Bacchus.
Thus if thou doest, 'twill credit raise thee;
God will thee bless, and neighbours praise thee.



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