

16. Deck the hall

Welsh traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

Giocoso

S. A. *f*

T. B.

1. Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly,
 2. See the flow - ing bowl be - fore us, }
 3. Fast a-way the old year pass-es, }
mf

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,
 Strike the harp and join the cho - rus, }
 Hail the new, ye lads and las - ses, }
mf

Fill the mead cup, drain the bar - rel,
 Fol - low me in mer - ry mea - sure, }
 Laugh - ing, quaff-ing all to - ge - ther, }
mp cresc.

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Troll the an - cient Christ-mas ca - rol,
 While I sing of beau - ty's trea - sure, }
 Heed - less of the wind and wea - ther, }
f

The musical score consists of four systems of music. System 1 (measures 1-3) has lyrics: 'Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly,' 'See the flow - ing bowl be - fore us,' and 'Fast a-way the old year pass-es.' The vocal parts enter at measure 1 with a forte dynamic (f), and the piano accompaniment begins at measure 3 with a mezzo-forte dynamic (mf). System 2 (measures 4-6) has lyrics: "'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,' 'Strike the harp and join the cho - rus,' and 'Hail the new, ye lads and las - ses,' followed by a repeat of the first system's lyrics. System 3 (measures 7-9) has lyrics: 'Fill the mead cup, drain the bar - rel,' 'Fol - low me in mer - ry mea - sure,' and 'Laugh - ing, quaff-ing all to - ge - ther,' followed by a repeat of the second system's lyrics. System 4 (measures 10-13) has lyrics: 'Troll the an - cient Christ-mas ca - rol,' 'While I sing of beau - ty's trea - sure,' and 'Heed - less of the wind and wea - ther,' followed by a final repeat of the third system's lyrics.