

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL
ARR. BY GREG BARTHOLOMEW

The
Wassail
Song

for Brass Quintet

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*an arrangement for Brass Quintet
of the traditional English holiday carol*

Duration: 1.5 minutes

The old English wassail song refers to 'wassailing,' or singing carols door to door wishing good health. According to *Readers Digest*, "the Christmas spirit often made the rich a little more generous than usual, and bands of beggars and orphans used to dance their way through the snowy streets of England, offering to sing good cheer and to tell good fortune if the householder would give them a drink from his wassail bowl or a penny or a pork pie or, let them stand for a few minutes beside the warmth of his hearth. The wassail bowl itself was a hearty combination of hot ale or beer, apples, spices and mead, just alcoholic enough to warm tingling toes and fingers of the singers."

If you give a public performance of this work, please send a PDF of the concert program to office@burkeandbagley.com

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Lively ♩ = 100

1st Trumpet in B \flat

2nd Trumpet in B \flat

Horn in F *mp*

Trombone

Tuba *mp*

This system contains five staves. The top two staves (1st and 2nd Trumpet) are mostly rests. The Horn in F staff has a melodic line starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The Trombone staff is mostly rests. The Tuba staff has a bass line starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The music is in 6/8 time and the key signature has two flats.

9 ♩ = 100

Tpt. *mf*

Tpt. *mf*

Hn.

Tbn. *mf*

Tba.

This system contains five staves. The first two staves (Trumpets) have a melodic line starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The Horn staff is mostly rests. The Trombone staff has a bass line starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The Tuba staff is mostly rests. The music is in 6/8 time and the key signature has two flats.

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A ♩ = 100

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Tpt.
Tpt.
Hn.
Tbn.
Tba.

p

24 ♩ = 100

Tpt.
Tpt.
Hn.
Tbn.
Tba.

mp

33

Tpt.
Tpt.
Hn.
Tbn.
Tba.

mf