

No. 2 DRINKING SONG

(‘Back and side go bare’)

(For men’s voices)

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Music adapted from the Opera
‘SIR JOHN IN LOVE’
by R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Allegro pesante (2 beats in the bar)

Piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked *ff* and *p sub.* The music features a steady bass line in the left hand and a more active melody in the right hand, with a key signature of one flat.

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T. I
T. II

Back and side go bare, go— bare, Both foot and hand go— cold; But,

B. I
B. II

Back and side go bare, go— bare, Both foot and hand go— cold; But,

First system of vocal and piano accompaniment. It includes staves for Tenors I and II, Basses I and II, and the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Back and side go bare, go— bare, Both foot and hand go— cold; But,"

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T. I
T. II

bel - ly, God send thee good ale e - nough, Whe - ther it be new— or—

B. I
B. II

bel - ly, God send thee good ale e - nough, Whe - ther it be new— or—

Second system of vocal and piano accompaniment. It includes staves for Tenors I and II, Basses I and II, and the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "bel - ly, God send thee good ale e - nough, Whe - ther it be new— or—"

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T. I
old. Jol-ly good ale_ and_

T. II
old. Jol-ly good ale_ and_ old.

B. I
old. Jol-ly good ale_ and_

B. II
old. Jol-ly good ale_ and_ old.

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T. I
old.

T. II
old.

B. I
old. *mf* B. I & II

B. II
I can-not eat but_ lit - tle_ meat, my stom - ach is_ not
as her life Lov-eth well good ale_ to

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T. I
pp
good.
seek.

T. II
pp
good.
seek.

B. I
good;
seek, But sure I think that I can_ drink With him that wears a_

B. II
Full oft drinks she, till ye may_ see The tears run down her_

pp

T. I
hood
cheek

T. II
hood
cheek

B. I
hood.
cheek.

B. II
Though I go bare, take ye no care I am no - thing a -
Then doth she trowl to me the bowl, Ev'n as a malt - worm

pp

T. I
cold
should

T. II
cold
should

B. I
cold;
should;

B. II
I stuff my skin so full with - in Of jol - ly good ale and
And saith 'sweet - heart, I've take my part Of this jol - ly good ale and

T. I
T. II
Jol - ly good ale and old

B. I
old.
old!

B. II
old.
old!

pp

Jol - ly good ale and

p

pp cantabile

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B. I *pp* Jol - ly good ale *p* and old,

B. II old, *p* and old,

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T. I *mf*
T. II I love no roast but a nut - brown toast, And a crab laid in the
Now let them drink, till they nod and wink, Ev - en as good fellows should

B. I
B. II

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T. I
T. II fire, A lit - tle bread shall do me stead, Much bread I not de -
do; They shall not miss to have the bliss Good ale doth bring men

B. I *pp*
I love no roast, I love no roast but a nut - brown toast,
Now let them drink, now let them drink, till they nod and wink,

T. I
T. II
- sire. No_ frost nor snow, No wind, I_ trow, Can_ hurt me if I
to. And all poor souls that have scoured black bowls, Or_ have them lust- i - ly

B. I
And a crab laid in the
Ev- en as good fel- lows should

B. II
p
I love no roast, I love no roast but a nut - brown toast and a crab laid in the
Now let them drink, Now let them drink till they nod and wink, Ev- en as good fel- lows should

T. I
T. II
would, I_ am save so wrapt, and_ through - ly lapt Of
trowled, God_ save the lives_ of_ them and their wives whe - ther

B. I
fire, I_ am save so wrapt and_ through - ly lapt Of
do, God_ save the lives_ of_ them and their wives Whe - ther

B. II
fire, I_ am save so wrapt lives and of through - ly lapt Of
do, God_ save the lives_ of_ them and their wives Whe - ther

T. I
jol - ly good ale_ and_ old, jol - ly good ale, jol - ly good
they be young or_ old, jol - ly good ale

T. II
jol - ly good ale_ and_ old, jol - ly good ale
they be young or_ old, jol - ly good ale

B. I
jol - ly good ale and old, jol - ly good ale
they be young or old, jol - ly good ale

B. II
jol - ly good ale and old, jol - ly good ale
they be young or old, jol - ly good ale

p cresc.

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ff

T. I
ale _____ jol - ly good

T. II
Back and side go bare, go — bare, Both foot and hand — go —

B. I
B. II
Back and side go bare, go — bare, Both foot and hand — go —

ff marc.

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T. I
ale _____ and old, jol - ly good ale and —

T. II
cold; But, bel - ly, God send — thee good ale _____ e -

B. I
B. II
cold; But, bel - ly, God send — thee good ale e - nough, Whe - ther

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T. I
old, _____ jol - ly good ale — and — old. _____

T. II
- nough, jol - ly good ale — and — old, _____ and old, _____

B. I
B. II
it be new — or — old, good ale — and — old, _____ and

