

The boar's head carol

Traditional, arr. Kim Tame

There are several versions of this carol, with its macaronic (alternating English and Latin) text. It commemorates the pre-Christian tradition of sacrificing a boar to present at the Yuletide feast, amid much ceremony and fanfare. The Yuletide sacrifice was originally to Freyr, but the celebration transferred to the feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day).

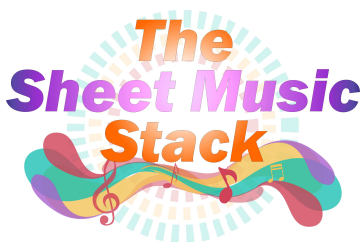
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C G7 C7 F Dm

1. The boar's head in hand bear I, Be-decked with bays and

5 G7 C G7 C7 F Dm G7 C

rose-mary. And I pray you, my masters, be merry, Quot estis in con-vi-vi-o.

10 *Chorus* G7 C G7 F Dm 1. G7 C G7 C 2. Fine

Ca-puta-pri de-fe-ro, Red-dens laud-es Do-mi-no. Do-mi-no.

15 G7 G7 C7 F Dm G7 C

2. The boar's head, as I un-der-stand, Is the bravest dish in all the land; When

20 G7 C7 F Dm G7 C

thus be decked with a gay gar-land, Let us ser-vi-re can-ti-co.

D.S. al Fine

3. Our steward hath provided this
 In honour of the king of bliss.
 Which on this day to be serv-ed is.
 In regirensi atrio.

Chorus