

Deck the Halls



1. Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la!
2. See the blazing yule before us,
Fa la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la la la!
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la la la!
3. Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together!
Fa la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la!

This is a dance carol known in Welsh as *Nos Galan* (New Year's Eve). It appeared in **Musical and Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards**, 1784 by Edward Jones. The text appeared in **The Franklin Square Song Collection** selected by J. P. McCracken in 1881.

The tune plays nicely on the banjo in G tuning and goes well in a medley with "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Good King Wenceslas".