Here We Come

A-Wassailing

For wind band and optional choir

Full Score and Parts

Traditional song with additional material by Ian Stephenson

Arranged by Ian Stephenson
The Full English

The Full English was a unique nationwide project unlocking hidden treasures of England’s cultural heritage by making over 58,000 original source documents from 12 major folk collectors available to the world via a ground-breaking nationwide digital archive and learning project. The project was led by the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS), funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and in partnership with other cultural partners across England.

The Full English digital archive (www.vwml.org) continues to provide access to thousands of records detailing traditional folk songs, music, dances, customs and traditions that were collected from across the country. Some of these are known widely, others have lain dormant in notebooks and files within archives for decades.

The Full English learning programme worked across the country in 19 different schools including primary, secondary and special educational needs settings. It also worked with a range of cultural partners across England, organising community, family and adult learning events.

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An arrangement of a folk tune from Newcastle for Wind Band and optional choir by Ian Stephenson.

As part of The Full English learning programme, Ian Stephenson worked closely with Edwin and Jessica Holmes in the Music Department at Durham Johnston Comprehensive School, Durham. Four pieces of music were commissioned for the school ensembles based on original manuscripts of traditional tunes and songs from the North East. Three pieces had their debut at a folk themed school concert on 27 March 2014.

The pieces are:

- **The Summer's Morning** for Senior Orchestra
- **Down the Wagon Way** for Junior Orchestra
- **Winlaton Calling On Song**, in two arrangements – one for Wind Band, and one for Senior Orchestra
- **Here We Come A-Wassailing** for Wind Band and optional choir

You can freely download the score and parts for all these pieces at [www.efdss.org/resourcebank](http://www.efdss.org/resourcebank).

Ian Stephenson

Ian Stephenson is a composer and multi-instrumentalist from Selby in North Yorkshire. Since winning the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award in 1999 he has become a respected regular at folk festivals around the world, performing with bands such as Kan, 422 and Baltic Crossing. As well as performing internationally, Ian has been a regular tutor at Folkworks Summer Schools for the last 10 years, this year becoming director of the Youth Summer School. Since graduating with a Folk and Traditional music degree in 2005, he now teaches contemporary compositional techniques, instrumental lessons and music skills at Newcastle University. Most recently Ian has been been very productive, having had several commissions to write pieces for choirs, orchestras and Kathryn Tickell's new ensemble The Side. His latest choral piece "On Another's Sorrow" was included as part of BBC Choir of the Year competition 2014.
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V.S.
Flute 1

92

\c F \!

99

\c F \!

106

\c F \!

113

\c F \!

119

\c F \!

125

\c F \!

molto rit.

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Oboe

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Play only on the third verse

Play every time
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molto rit.  

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Play B and C sections only on the third verse

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Master and good mistress while you’re sitting by the fire, pray think of us poor children who’ve wandered in the mire, for it is Christmas time and we travel far and near, So God bless you and send you a happy new year, a new year, a new year, So God bless you and send you a happy new year.

So God bless you and send you a happy new year.

Fine