The Apple

The melody of this carol is from the traditional, anonymously composed and lyricized English “Boar’s Head Carol.” The first known version was published in 1521 in the song-book Christmasse Carolles, edited by Wynkyn de Worde.

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Verses sung solo or in unison

1. The apple red I bear in hand, (rest) Winter fruit of snowy land; and I pray you good people nourished be for strength, love, and posterity!

2. The apple tree understood a-right, is Autumn’s grace to Hunger’s bite; and I pray you good people grateful be for God’s grace through Earth’s Good for thee!

Chorus

Fractus pometum de ferro. Reddens laudes Domino!

3. Sweet apple trees give generous yield to creatures all who glean the field; and I pray that of Good you give and sow, that apples more and love may grow!

Chorus

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