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Drive the Cold Winter Away

Traditional

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All hail to the days that merit more praise Than all the rest of the year, And



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All hail to the days that merit more praise
 Than all the rest of the year
 And welcome the nights that double delights
 As well for the poor as the peer
 Sweet blessings attend each merry man's friend
 Each does but the best that he may
 Forgetting all wrongs with poems and songs
 To drive the cold winter away

'Tis ill for the mind to anger incline
 To think of small injuries now
 If wrath be Jusee, don't lend her thy cheek
 Don't let her inhabit thy brow
 Cross out of thy books malevolent looks
 Both beauty and youth decay
 And spend the long night in honest delight
 To drive the cold winter away

When the Yule tide comes in like a bride
 And holly and ivy clad
 Twelve days in the year must mirth and good cheer
 In every household is had

The popular guise is then to devise
All manner of holiday play
Both women and men do best that they can
To drive the cold winter away

This time of the year is spent in good cheer
With neighbors who gather to meet
Just sit by the fire with friendly desire
With others in love to greet
All grudges forgot are put in the pot
All sorrows aside they lay
The old and the young do carol this song
To drive the cold winter away

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