

The Roast Beef of Old England

When might y roast beef was the Eng lish man's food, It en -

This system contains the first five measures of the song. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is written on two staves below the treble staff.

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Engl - land, And Oh, for old Eng - lish Roast Beef

This system contains the final five measures of the song. The melody concludes with lyrics underneath. The bass line is written on two staves below the treble staff.

The Roast Beef of Old England With knitting pattern 16/05/2015

	Verse	Chorus
1. When mighty Roast Beef was the Englishman's food, It ennobled our hearts and enriched our blood. Our soldiers were brave and our courtiers were good, <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, And oh for old English Roast Beef!</i>	Unison	<i>Unison</i>
2. Our fathers of old were robust, stout, and strong, And kept open house, with good cheer all day long, Which made their plump tenants rejoice in this song: <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, And oh for old English Roast Beef!</i>	In parts	<i>In parts</i>
3. But now we are dwindled to - what shall I name? A sneaking poor race, half-begotten and tame, Who sully the honours that once shone in fame. <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, <u>What came of old English Roast Beef?</u></i>	Solo man	<i>All, unison</i>
4. When good Queen Elizabeth sat on the throne, Ere coffee, or tea, or such slip-slops were known, The world was in terror if e'er she did frown. <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, And oh for old English Roast Beef!</i>	In parts	<i>In parts</i>
5. In those days, if Fleets did presume on the Main, They seldom, or never, return'd back again, As witness, the vaunting Armada of Spain. <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, And oh for old English Roast Beef!</i>	Men only (tune* and bass)	<i>All, in parts</i>
6. Now fill up a glass, while a bumper we have, To Drake and Trafalgar and Nelson the Brave, To the bold British tars, who now rule on the wave, <i>Huzzah for the bulwarks of England, And health to each bold British tar!</i> <i>Oh! the Roast Beef of old England, And oh for old English Roast Beef!</i>	In parts	<i>In parts</i> <i>Unison</i>

Tune: women, John, Cliff (Cliff in verse only), *plus Andrew in verse 5 only.

Tenor: Andrew, Cliff (both in the chorus only)

Bass: Jon, Roger, Andrew (Andrew in verse only and *except verse 5 when he sings tune)

When marked 'Unison', all sing tune.

YouTube version (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5lhjYzbfco>):

This version appears to be an American (as it sounds) and I have found it also at http://www.hmsacasta.com/2013_01_01_archive.html (close to bottom of page).

Info for introducing the song:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Roast_Beef_of_Old_England

"The Roast Beef of Old England" is an English patriotic ballad. It was written by Henry Fielding for his play *The Grub-Street Opera*, which was first performed in 1731. The lyrics were added to over the next twenty years. The song increased in popularity when given a new setting by the composer Richard Leveridge, and it became customary for theatre audiences to sing it before, after, and occasionally during, any new play. The Royal Navy always goes in to dine at Mess Dinners to the tune, which is also played at United States Marine Corps formal mess dinners during the presentation of the beef.

<http://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/roast-beef.html>

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The Roast Beef of Old England was the tune played on Titanic by the Bugler, P.W. Fletcher, to call first class passengers to meals