# The Trees All Are Bare

The trees all are bare, not a leaf to be seen,
And the meadows their beauty have lost,
Now winter has come, and ‘tis cold for man and beast,
And the streams they are,
And the streams they are all fast bound down with frost.

‘Twas down in the farmyard where the oxen feed on straw,
They send forth their breath like the steam,
Sweet Betsy the milkmaid now quickly she must go,
For flakes of ice she finds,
Flakes of ice she finds a-floating on her cream.

‘Tis now all the small birds to the barn door fly for food,
And gently they rest on the spray,
A-down the plantation the hares do search for food,
And lift their footsteps sure,
Lift their footsteps sure for fear they do betray.

Now Christmas is come, and our song is almost done,
For we soon shall have the turn of the year,
So lift up your glasses and let your health go round,
For I wish you all,
For I wish you all a joyful New Year.