

The Gower Grey Mare

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Chorus:

*Make way, make way for the old grey mare
Who pulls the year around.
Make way, make way for our valiant crew
Who'll fill your house with sound.
We bring good health and happiness
At the turning of the year
And you can show your gratitude
With cider, wine and beer*

This is our old grey mare; we rode her many a year
Then she lay down by the wall and rose as you see her here
So we've brought her to you, to show what we can do
We bring you health and happiness for welcoming in our crew

Chorus:

Days are dull and grey, the sun is slipping away
Nights are cold, long and dark but a new year's on the way
So we have come here, to say 'Be of good cheer'
For after the wind, the hail and snow will spring another year

Chorus:

Out there in the cold, are the poor, the sick, the old
Think of them from your fireside and don't wait to be told
For we've a little purse, and you could do very much worse
Than drop in coin to help all those who see winter as a curse

Chorus:

So now, be of good cheer, our work is finished here
We must go off to another house to sing the turning year
Before we leave your door, on behalf of all the poor
We wish you health and happiness and our thanks for evermore

*Make way, make way for the old grey mare
Who pulls the year around!*