

Willikin's Return

Middle English – Original
(Modern English version also available)

Music: David Yardley
Lyrics: Anon c.1470

$\text{♩} = 168$ Burden (chorus) - repeat after each verse 5

Mean
Tenor
Bass
Percussion (Optional)
Instrumental Descant (Optional)

No - well! No - well! No - well! No -

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well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng-lond and sped yt well! No - well! No -

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well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng-lond and sped yt well!

Verses 1-2

Solo or small group 20

1. Tyll ho-me sull Wy - le - kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl schepe, All to houre
 2. Tyll ho-me sull Wy - le - kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl mast, All to my

1. Tyll home sull Wy - le - kyn, this jo - ly schepe, All houre
 2. Tyll home sull Wy - le - kyn, this jo - ly mast, All my

All to
 All to

25 com - be - ly Kyng Ha - ry this cnat ys knyht; Ther - fore
 Lord - e Prynce that ne - ver was caste;

com - be - ly Kyng Ha - ry that cnat ys knyht;
 Lord - e Prynce that ne - ver was caste;

Kyng Ha - ry that cnat ys knyht;
 Lord Prynce that ne - ver was caste;

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35 let us all syng no - wel. Ther - fore let us all syng no - wel. No -
 Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -

let us all syng no - wel. Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -
 Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -

Burden (chorus) - repeat after each verse

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well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond and sped yt

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond and sped yt

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond and sped yt

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well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

Verses 3-4

Solo or small group 55

and sped yt well! 3. Tyll ho-me sull Wy - le-kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl nore,
4. Tyll ho-me sull Wy - le-kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl sayle,

and sped yt well!

and sped yt well! 3. Tyll home sull Wy - le-kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl nore,
4. Tyll home sull Wy - le-kyn, this jo - ly gen - tyl sayle,

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All to my Lord-e Cha - ber - lay - ne that ne - ver was for - sore.
All to my Lord-e Fu - e - ryn that ne - ver dyd fayle;

All to Lorde Cha - ber - layne that ne - ver was for - sore.
All to Lorde Fu - e - ryn that ne - ver dyd fayle;

All my Lorde Cha - ber ne - ver was for - sore.
All my Lorde Fue - ryn ne - ver dyd fayle;

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1.

Ther - fore let us all syng no - wel. Ther - fore let us all syng no - wel. No -
wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -
wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -
wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

2.

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wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond

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and sped yt well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And

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Cryst save me-ry Yng - lond and sped yt well!

TRANSLATION

CHORUS

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
And Christ save merry England and speed it well!
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
And Christ save merry England and speed it well!

VERSES

Till home shall Willikin, this jolly gentle ship,
 All to our comely King Harry this knot is knit;
 Therefore let us all sing nowell.

Till home shall Willikin, this jolly gentle mast,
 All to my Lord Prince that never was cast;
 Therefore let us all sing nowell.

Till home shall Willikin, this jolly gentle oar,
 All to my Lord Chamberlain that never was sore
 Therefore let us all sing nowell.

Till home shall Willikin, this jolly gentle sail,
 All to my Lord Fuerin that never did fail;
 Therefore let us all sing nowell.