

# Willikin's Return

Modern English version

Music: David Yardley

Lyrics: Anon c.1470

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

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

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

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well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it well! No - well! No -

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well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it well!

## Verses 1-2

Solo or small group 20

1. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly gen - tle ship, All to our  
 2. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly gen - tle mast, All to my

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1. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly ship, All our  
 2. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly mast, All my

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 come - ly King Har - ry this knot is knit; There - fore  
 Lord Prince that ne - ver was cast;

come - ly King Har - ry that knot is knit;  
 Lord Prince that ne - ver was cast;

King Har - ry that knot is knit;  
 Lord Prince that ne - ver was cast;

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 let us all sing no - well. There - fore let us all sing no - well. No -  
 There - fore let us all no - well. No -  
 There - fore let us all no - well. No -

Burden (chorus) - repeat after each verse

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well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it

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well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land

well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land

Verses 3-4

Solo or small group

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and speed it well! 3. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly gen - tle oar,  
4. Till home shall Wil - li - kin, this jol - ly gen - tle sail,

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All to my Lord Cham - ber - lain that ne - ver was sore.  
 All to my Lord Fue - rin that ne - ver did fail;

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1.

There - fore let us all sing no - well. Ther - fore let us all syng no - wel. No -  
 Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -  
 Ther - fore let us all no - wel. No -

2.

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wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land  
 wel. No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land  
 wel. well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And Christ save mer-ry Eng - land

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and speed it well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And

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and speed it well! No - well! No - well! No - well! No - well! And

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Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it well!

Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it well!

Christ save mer-ry Eng - land and speed it well!

## ORIGINAL TEXT

## BURDEN

*Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!*  
*And Cryst save mery Ynglond and sped yt well!*

## VERSES

Tyll home sull Wylekyn, this joly gentyl schepe,  
 All to houre combely Kyng Hary this cnat ys knyht;  
 Therefore let us all syng nowel.

Tyll home sull Wylekyn, this joly gentyl mast,  
 All to my Lorde Prynce that never was caste;  
 Therefore let us all syng nowel.

Tyll home sull Wylekyn, this joly gentyl nore,  
 All to my Lorde Chaberlayne that never was forsore  
 Therefore let us all syng nowel.

Tyll home sull Wylekyn, this joly gentyl sayle,  
 All to my Lorde Fueryn that never dyd fayle;  
 Therefore let us all syng nowel.