

Drive the cold winter away

A pleasant Countrey new Ditty:
Merrily shewing how To
drive the cold Winter away

from The English Dancing Master, 1651

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from the Roxburghe collection of ballads

Dm Dm Dm F F Gm Dm Gm

All hayle to the dayes That mer - it more praise then all the rest of the
The Court in all state Now o - pens her gate, And bids a free wel - come to
Thus none will al - low Of so - li - tude now, but mer - ri - ly greets the
This time of the yeare Is spent in good Cheere; kind neigh - bors to - ge - ther

Dm Dm Dm Dm F F

yeare; most; time, meet / And The To To And wel - come the ci - ty like - wise, That dou - ble de - lights as
To make it ap - peare, Though Of all the whole pre - cise, doth
To sit by the fire, With friend - ly de - sire each

Gm Dm Gm Dm F F

well for the wil - ling - ly this is ac - o - ther in
poore as the part with her count - ed the loue to
peere: cost; Prime. greet:
Good for - tune at - tend Each
And yet, by re - port From
De - cem - ber is seene Ap -
Old grudg - es for - got Are

Gm Gm Dm Am Dm Dm Dm F

mer - ry man's Ci - ty and pa - rel'd in put in the
friend that doth but the best that he may, day: May, lay;
For - get - ting old More Li - quor is Comes dan - cing a - The
Court, the Coun - trey gets that he day: May, lay;
greene, And Ia - nu - ary, fresh side as they
All sor - rows a - side they
The old and the

***Intro**

F Gm Gm Dm A D D

wrongs, spent, long, yong With a Doth
Car - rols and bet - ter con - tent, cup or a car - roll his
Songs to drive the cold win - ter a - way.
to drive the cold win - ter a - way.
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