

# Here's a health unto His Majesty

Cavalier Song

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The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'SOLO' and features a treble clef. The middle staff is labeled 'CHORUS' and features a bass clef. The bottom staff is labeled 'SOLO' and features a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section starts with 'Here's a health un - to His Ma - jes - ty,' followed by a chorus of 'Con - fu - sion to His en - e - mies,' then 'with a fal lal lal la la la la.' The second section begins with 'And he that will not pledge his health, I wish him nei-ther wit nor wealth, nor yet a rope to hang him-self.' This is followed by another chorus of 'With a fal lal lal la la la la la, fal lal lal lal lal la la la.' The basso continuo part provides harmonic support throughout.

Here's a health un - to His Ma - jes - ty,  
Con - fu - sion to His en - e - mies,  
with a fal lal lal la la la la.  
And he that will not pledge his health, I wish him nei-ther  
wit nor wealth, nor yet a rope to hang him-self.  
With a fal lal lal la la la la la, fal lal lal lal lal la la la.

- 2 All cavaliers will please combine, with a fal lal lal ...  
To drink this loyal toast of wine, with a fal lal lal ...  
If anyone should answer 'No', I only wish that he may go  
with Roundhead rogues to Jericho. With a fal lal lal ...

## Here's a health unto His Majesty

*Cavalier Song*

Here's a health  
unto His Majesty,  
with a fal lal lal la la la la,  
Confusion to his enemies,  
with a fal lal lal la la la la.  
And he that will not  
pledge his health,  
I wish him neither  
wit nor wealth,  
nor yet a rope  
to hang himself.  
With a fal lal lal la la la la la la  
fal lal lal lal la la la la la.

*Lied der Royalisten*

(Hier ist) ein Prosit  
auf Seine Majestät,  
mit fal lal lal la la la la,  
Verwirrung seinen Feinden,  
mit fal lal lal la la la la.  
Und dem, der nicht will  
auf seine Gesundheit zu trinken,  
wünsche ich weder  
Verstand noch Reichtum,  
(und) nicht einmal einen Strick,  
um sich aufzuhängen.

All cavaliers<sup>1</sup>  
will please combine,  
with a fal lal lal ...  
To drink this loyal  
toast of wine.

With a fal lal lal ...

If any one should answer 'No', Sollte irgend jemand ,nein' antworten  
I only wish  
that he may go  
with Roundhead<sup>2</sup> rogues  
to Jericho<sup>3</sup>,  
With a fal lal lal ...

Alle Kavaliere  
mögen sich bitte zusammenschließen  
diesen loyalen Toast (mit) Wein  
auszubringen

<sup>1</sup> *cavalier*: Royalist, Anhänger von Karl I. (1600-49) König von England

<sup>2</sup> *Roundhead*: Rund-, Stutzkopf (Spitzname für Puritaner oder Anhänger der Parlamentspartei im 17. Jh.)

<sup>3</sup> *Jericho*: biblische Stadt in Palästina; *colloq.* entfernter oder schlimmer Ort