

THE ENTERED APPRENTICE'S SONG

This old song (with its proper tune) is ascribed by Dr. Anderson, in the first Edition of the Constitution Book (1723), "to our late Brother, Mr Mathew Birkhead, deceased. To be sung when all grave business is over, and with the Master's leave".

1. Come let us prepare,
 We Brothers that are
 Assembled on merry occasion.
 Let's drink, laugh and sing:
 Our wine has a Spring;
 Here's a health to an Accepted Mason. (*All charged*)

2. The world is in pain
 Our secrets to gain,
 And still let them wonder and gaze on.
 They ne'er can divine
 The Word or the Sign
 Of a Free and an Accepted Mason.

3. 'Tis this and 'tis that
 They cannot tell what,
 Why so many Great Men of the nation
 Should Aprons put on,
 To make themselves one
 With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

4. Great Kings, Dukes and Lords
 Have laid by their Swords,
 Our myst'ry to put a good Grace on;
 And ne'er been ashamed
 To hear themselves named
 With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

5. Antiquity's pride
 We have on our side,
 And it maketh men just in their station
 There's nought but what's good
 To be understood
 By a Free and an Accepted Mason.

6. Then join Hand in Hand
 To each other firm stand;
 Let's be merry, and put a bright face on
 What mortal can boast
 So noble a Toast as a Free and an Accepted Mason