Douglas Jim "How Stands The Glass Around Why Soldiers Why"

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How Stands the Glass Around (Why, Soldiers, Why?)

How stands the glass around

for shame you take no care, my boys,

How stands the glass around

Let wine and mirth abound.

the trumpet sound

the colors they do fly my boys

To fight kill and wound

as you would be found,

Contented with hard fare, my boys

on the Cold ground

O why, soldiers why

O why should we be melancholy boys

O why soldiers why

Whose Business is to die

What sithing [sighing] fye

Let[s] not fear, Drink and be Jolly, boys

you and I through wet Cold or Dry

Our orders are to follow boys

we scorn to flye

It is in vain

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I mean not to upbraid you boys
It is in vain
for a soldier to Complain
for the next Campaign
we go to him that made us boys
free from all pain
But if you should Remain
A Bottle and kind Landlady
will Cure all again
from Contentment, Jim Douglas
Collected from notebook of Thos. Fanning, 1780
According to Dolph ("Sound Off!"), appeared in a
London broadside
in 1710; was part of ballad opera The Patron, 1729.
Sometimes
called "Wolfe's Song"
@soldier @war
filename[ HOWSTAND
play.exe HOWSTAND
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