BOAR'S HEAD CAROL

Pomposo ♩=92

Oxford Carol 1521

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1. The boar's head in hand bear I
Bedecked with bays and rosemary
And I pray you, masters, merry be
Qui estis in convivio. (1)
Caput apri defero, (2)
Reddens laudes Domino (3)

2. The boar's head, as I understand,
Is the rarest dish in all the land,
Which is thus bedecked with garland gay
Servitur cum sinapio. (4)
Caput apri defero, (2)
Reddens laudes Domino (3)

3. Our steward hath provided this
In honour of the King of bliss
Which on this day to be served is
In Reginensi Atrio: (5)
Caput apri defero, (2)
Reddens laudes Domino (3)

4. The boar's head, I dare well say,
Anon after the eleventh day,
He takes his leave and goes away,
Exivit tum de patria. (6)
Caput apri defero, (2)
Reddens laudes Domino (3)

(1) *Howsoever many are at the feast*
(2) *I bring the boar's head,*
(3) *Rendering praises to the Lord*
(4) *It is served with mustard.*
(5) *In the Queen's hall*
(6) *He has then left the fatherland.*