

Toss the pot

16th century madrigal
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Chorus SOPRANOS & ALTOS

(Fine)

f
Toss the pot, toss the pot: let us be mer - ry And drink 'till our cheeks be as red as a cher - ry.

f
TENORS & BASSES

5 Verses 1, 3 and 5

p
La, la, la... etc.

f unis.

1. We take no thought, we have no care, For still we spend and nev - er spare;
3. And when our mo - ney is all spent, Then sell our goods and spend our rent,
5. And when our cred - it is all lost, Then may we go and kiss the post,

(Da capo)

div.

'Till of all mon - ey our purse is bare, We ev - er toss the pot.
Or drink it up with one con - sent, And ev - er toss the pot.
And eat brown bread in - stead of roast, And ev - er toss the pot.

Verses 2, 4 and 6

2. We drink, ca - rouse with heart most free: A heart - y draught I drink to thee;
4. When all is gone, we have no more: Then let us set it on the score,
6. Let us con - clude as we be - gan, And toss the pot from man to man,

2. & 4. La, la, la... etc.
6. Let us con - clude as we be... gan, And toss the pot from man to man,

2. & 4. *p*, 6. *f*

(Da capo)

Then fill the pot a - gain to me, And ev - er toss the pot.
Or chalk it up be - hind the door, And ev - er toss the pot.
And drink as much now as we can, And ev - er toss the pot.