

## Down Among the Dead Men

*Not a shanty. This is a traditional English tune which dates to at least 1700. The words were written by John Dyer (1700-58). The air appears in *The Dancing Master* (circa 1726). It was popular during Queen Anne's reign, but this version refers to George I ("Here's a health to the King"). The 'dead men' are empty bottles.*

Here's a health to the King, and a lasting peace  
To faction an end, to wealth increase;  
Come, let's drink it while we have breath  
For there's no drinking after death;  
And he that will this health deny

### Chorus

*Down among the dead men,  
Down among the dead men,  
Down, down, down, down;  
Down among the dead men let him lie.*

Let charming beauty's health go round  
In whom celestial joys are found;  
May confusion still pursue  
The selfish woman-hating crew;  
And they that women's health deny

In smiling Bacchus' joys I'll roll  
Deny no pleasure to my soul;  
Let Bacchus' health round briskly move  
For Bacchus is a friend to Love;  
And he that will this health deny

May love and wine their rites maintain  
And their united pleasure reign;  
While Bacchus' treasure crowns the board  
We'll sing the joys that both afford;  
And they that won't with us comply