

# Songs

## The Old Country Hall Song

Many country halls are the main focus for their communities, often with social dancing a key component. The song was written in 2018 for the centenary of the Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall by Dave Johnson. The tune is the Glenquarry Waltz (aka The New Mexico Waltz)

### Chorus

capo 5

Chorus musical notation in 3/4 time, key of Bb. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "If these walls could speak what tales they could tell Of grand cos - tume balls and of dig - ger's fare - - wells Con - cer - tin - a and fid - dle and the M - C's clear call. They're ech - oes from the walls of the Old Coun - try Hall. (They're ech - oes from the walls of the Old Coun - try Hall.)"

### Verse

Verse musical notation in 3/4 time, key of Bb. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "The tal - low - wood floor is the best to be found, So danc - ers will ride here from ten miles a - - round To pi - an - o and accor - dion the drum's stead - y beat, They whirl and they dance till they're dead on their feet."

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Ending **C** **F** **F** **B $\flat$**

If these walls could speak what tales they could tell

**C** **F**

Grand cos - tume balls; Dig - ger's fare - - wells;  
Pian - o and drums; Hay - mak - ers Jig;  
1 2 3 kick; Belle of the Ball;

Accord - i - - on band; Swish - ing of skirts;  
Kids run - ning round; Dressed to the nines;  
How is the farm? D'you want a beer?

**C** **F**

Can you hear them? Can you hear them?

**C** **F** **G7** **C7** **C** **F**

The ech - oes from the walls of the old coun - try hall!

Use linseed and turps to make a good seal,  
Then it's sawdust and candle to get a smooth feel.  
For He's A Good Fellow with gusto they sing  
And they stand to attention for God Save the King.

The supper displays all the work of the cooks;  
And the belle of the ball with her blushing cute looks  
There's the crowing of roosters, and banging of nails;  
And there's apples and peaches and honey for sale

A lib'ry for fettleers to read and to learn  
The president's flustered with some new concern  
And there's quoits, chess and ludo, a game of ping pong  
And Miss Alice Waters will give us a song.

The foxtrot and tango they are all the rage  
And the kids put to sleep at the back of the stage  
The whirring machines of the picture show man;  
The harvest and ag shows and a local bush band.