


The Old Country Hall Song

Many country halls have been and 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.

Chorus

capo 5

C
F



If these walls could speak what tales they could tell

F
Bb



Of grand cos - tume balls and of dig - ger's fare - wells

C
F



Con - cer - tin - a and fid - dle and the M - C's clear call.

G7
C7



They're ech - oes from the walls of the Old Coun - try Hall.

C
F



(They're ech - oes from the walls of the Old Coun - try Hall.)


Verse

C
F




The tal - low - wood floor is the best to be found,

C
F




So danc - ers will ride here from ten miles a - - round

F
Bb



To pi - an - o and accor - dion the drum's stead - y beat,


G7
C7



They whirl and they dance till they're dead on their feet.

Ending

C
F



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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The third staff is a simple harmonic accompaniment. The fourth staff is a more complex accompaniment with chords. Chords are indicated by letters C, F, G7, and C7 above the notes.

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?

Can you hear them? Can you hear them?

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 fettlers 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.