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THE FINAL TOAST PETER RICHARDS

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Verse 1

"Are your glasses charged in the West and South," the Worshipful Master cries;

"They're charged in the West, they're charged in the South," are the Wardens' prompt replies:

Then to our final Toast tonight your glasses fairly drain Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

Verse 2

The Mason's social Brotherhood around the Festive Board, Reveal a wealth more precious far than selfish miser's hoard.

They freely share the priceless stores that generous hearts contain

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

Verse 3

We work like Masons free and true, and when our Task is done,

A merry song and cheering glass are not unduly won: And only at our Farewell Pledge is pleasure touched with pain

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

Verse 4

Amidst our mirth we drink "To all poor Masons o'er the World"

On every shore our Flag of Love is gloriously unfurled, We prize each Brother, fair or dark, who bears no moral stain -

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

Verse 5

The Mason feels the n e truth the Scottish peasant told That Rank is but the guinea stamp, the man himself's the gold.

With us the rich and poor unite and equal Rights maintain Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.

Verse 6

Dear Brethren of the Mystic Tie, the night is waning fast Our Duty's done, our feast is o'er, this song must be our last: -

Good Night, Good Night, but ere we part, all join the farewell strain.

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

CHORUS: Happy to meet - sorry to part - happy to meet again.