Unconquered Sun

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With solstice here we'll celebrate This sacred time and have much cheer We will bring warmth and we'll bring light Unto the darkest time of year The mistletoe will be cut down With sickle from the sacred tree A kiss I'll give to you my love A pledge of friendship made to thee For greater than the will of man Or want of that which can be done It falls and shines on where we stand Beneath the great unconquered sun For this is now our turning point The shortest day, the longest night We'll look unto the months to come When the sun will grow both strong and bright A vessel crown all decked with green That tells of winter's tales and mirth Will bring great gladness and much joy To all who walk upon this earth And greater than the will of man Or want of that which can be done It falls and shines on where we stand Beneath the great uncongured sun The servants and the lords alike And masters they will feast with slaves And give them freedom they desire Set thief and scoundrel free this day With candles, dolls and gifts of fruit And blackened faces through the street We'll praise good fortune, raise our cups And drink a toast to king and queen Far greater than the will of man Or want of that which can be done It falls and shines on where we stand Beneath the great unconquered sun We'll burn the lamps to ward away The spirits in the halls of those Whose houses all be decked with boughs Where everyreen and laurel grows The earth's white crust where it lay down Does bow the oaken branch to fall 'Tis solstice now, account ye sins Repent ye beggars one and all For greater than the will of man Or want of that which can be done It falls and shines on where we stand Beneath the great unconquered sun