

Advent calendar 4th December

Now thrice welcome, Christmas
Which brings us good cheer,
Minc'ed pies and plum-porridge,
Good ale and strong beer;
With pig, goose and capon,
The best that may be
So well doth the weather
And our stomachs agree

1695

From a book I found in my late parents-in-law's bookcase,
Etiquette for a Traditional Christmas, published by Copper
Beech publishing of Sussex.