

Congleton Bear - Holness

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David Holness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAYQ4aavqt8>

Chorus (play between each Verse):

The [A7] cheeses of Cheshire are famed, but beware
Of [D] stories they [A] tell of the Congleton [D] Bear
[D] Congleton Bear, [G] Congleton Bear
They [G] sold the Church [A] Bible to buy a new [D] bear

The [D] Wakes coming on and the [G] bear he took [D] ill
We [G] tried him with potion, with [A] brandy and [A7] pill
He [D] died in his sleep at the [G] eve of the [D] Wakes
The [G] cause, it was [D] said, was strong [A7] ale and sweet [D] cakes

Chorus

He'd [D] served the town well and he's [G] served the town [D] true
To [G] lie him in state was the [D] least they could [A7] do
The [D] old bear was dead, a suc[G]cessor they'd [D] need
A [G] new bear was [D] wanted, and [A7] that at great [D] speed

Chorus

Now a [D] parson is useful in [G] times of great [D] need
And im[G]bibed with strong porter he [D] quickly a[A7]greed
The [D] parson, his Bible he [G] gave then and [D] there
We [G] sold it in [D] Nantwich to[A7] buy a new [D] bear.

Chorus

The [D] new bear, a she-bear, was the [G] toast of the [D] town
To [G] music and laughter she [D] danced up and [A7] down
So [D] loudly the cheering would [G] waken the [D] dead
It [G] caused the old [D] bear for to [A7] rise from his [D] bed

Chorus

He [D] rolled his dark eye as he [G] spied the she-[D]bear
And [G] with an em[D]brace they danced [A7] jigs pair-and-[D]-pair

Chorus

