

Is Charleroy's Siege come to?

The Catch Club or Merry Companions, c. 1700

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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[1.] Is Char - le - roy's Siege¹ come, come, come to?² who wou'd 'a

[2.] Then charge _____ all your Guns, Boys, as high as they

[3.] Let En - gin - eer Vau - ban⁵ shoot the Dev - il, the Dev - il and

thought it? then the Ru - mours was false, was false,

can be, with the brisk - est Cham - pagne ramm'd _____ down, ramm'd _____

all, yet his Mar - shal⁶ shan't Dance, _____ no, no,

false, false that Lew - is³ had _____ bought it:

down, down, down, down, down, down, down with Nantz⁴ Bran - dy:

no, no, shan't dance at _____ old Main - te - non's⁷ Ball.

m. 4, third voice: F in source.

1 The siege of Charleroi in present-day Belgium, during the War of the Grand Alliance (1688-97), ended in a French victory on October 12, 1693. The British were allied with the defeated Spanish defenders.

2 Original spelling: "come too."

3 Louis XIV of France.

4 From the Loire region near Nantes - an expensive spirit with a reputation similar to present-day Cognac.

5 Marquis de Vauban (1633-1707), French military engineer and statesman, who directed the forces attacking Charleroi.

6 François Henri de Montmorency-Bouteville, Duke of Piney-Luxembourg (1628-1695), commander of the French armies in the Netherlands.

7 Madame de Maintenon (1635-1719), Louis XIV's second wife.