THE FINAL TOAST
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Many Tylers, when the proceedings at the festive board have
ended, call upon the brethren to drink the last toast with the old
familiar verse attributed to either Bro's Rudyard Kipling or Robert
Burns. Neither of these Brethren penned the toast, for it was written
in Calcutta by Bro. D. L. Richardson in the 1840's. The full toast is:-

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 to-night your glasses fairly drain
CHORUS: "Happy to meet - sorry to part - Happy to meet again, again,
Oh! Happy to met again!"

2. The Masons' 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!"

3. We work like Mason's 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!"

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!"

5. The Mason feels the noble truth the Scottish peasant told That rank
is but the guinea's 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!"

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" - once more, once more repeat the farewell
strain- "Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again!"

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