Recipe of the Month
Christmas Punch

--from, Well Plated
https://www.wellplated.com/christmas-punch/

Ingredients
1 1/2 cups dark rum or brandy (12 ounces)
2 oranges thinly sliced into rounds
1 cup fresh cranberries

Instructions
Make sure all of the ingredients are well chilled. Fill a large punch bowl with ice. Top with the cranberry juice, sparkling wine, apple cider, ginger ale, and rum. Stir gently to combine. Top with the orange slices and fresh cranberries. Enjoy!

Makes 20 Servings

December Poetry
Winter Robins, Walter de la Mare

Walter de la Mare is considered one of modern literature's chief exemplars of the romantic imagination. He profoundly explored the world he considered most significant—that of the imagination. In the London Mercury J.B. Priestley favorably concluded in 1924 that de la Mare was "one of that most lovable order of artists who never lose sight of their childhood, but re-live it continually in their work and contrive to find expression for their maturity in it, memories and impressions, its romantic vision of the world." www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/walter-de-la-mare

Winter

And the robin flew
Into the air, the air,
The white mist through;
And small and rare
The night-frost fell
Into the calm and misty dell.
And the dusk gathered low,
And the silver moon and stars
On the frozen snow

Drew taper bars,
Kindled winking fires
In the hooded briers.
And the sprawling Bear
Growled deep in the sky;
And Orion’s hair
Streamed sparkling by;
But the North sighed low,
“Snow, snow, more snow!”

A Robin

Ghost-grey the fall of night,
Ice-bound the lane
Lone in the dying light
Flits he again;
Lurking where shadows steal,
Perched in his coat of blood,
Man’s homestead at his heel,
Death-still the wood.
Odd restless child; it’s dark;
All wings are flown
But this one wizard’s—hark!—
Stone clapped on stone!
Changeling and solitary,
Secret and sharp and small,
Flits he from tree to tree,
Calling on all.

Leļja Vezhda,
aka Auntie Eyebrow,
Wishes you
Veseli Praznitsi
(Bulgarian for "Happy Holidays!")
# December 2018 Adult Events and Classes

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