

Sussex Mummers' Carol

Righteous Joseph

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "When right - - eous Jo - - seph wed - - ded was Un - - - to a vir - - tuous ³ maid; A glo - - rious an - gel from Hea - - ven came Un - - - to that vir - - tuous maid, Un - - to that vir - - - tuous maid." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a triplet of eighth notes.

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When righteous Joseph wedded was
 Unto a virtuous maid;
 A glorious angel from Heaven came
 Unto that vir-tuous maid.

O mortal man, remember well
 When Christ our Lord was born;
 He was crucified betwixt two thieves,
 And crown-ed with the thorn

O mortal man, remeber well
 When Christ died on the rood,
 'Twas for our sins and wicked ways
 Christ shed his precious blood.

O mortal man, remember well
 When Christ was wrapped in clay,
 He was taken to a sepulchre
 Where no man ever lay.

God bless the mistress of this house
 With gold all round her breast;
 Where e'er her body sleeps or wake,
 Lord, send her soul to rest.

God bless the master of this house
 With happiness beside;
 Where e'er his body rides or walks
 Lord Jesus be his guide.

God bless your house, your children too,
Your cattle and your store;
The Lord increase you day by day,
And send you more and more.