

Horsham Tipteerers Carol

Sussex Mummers Carol

Horsham Tipteerers, Sussex
collected by Lucy Broadwood, 1880

$\text{♩} = 115$

1. When right - - eous Jo - - seph wed - - ded was Un -
 2. As joy - - ful shep - - herds brought their gifts To -
 3. God bless the mis - - tress of this house With -
 4. God bless the mas - - ter of this house With -
 5. God bless your house, your child - - ren too, Your -

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to a vir - - gin maid, A glor - - ious an - gel from
 Christ, the sav - - ior dear. And so we come up
 gold all round her breast; Where e'er her bo - - dy
 hap - - pi - ness be side; Where e'er his bo - - dy
 cat - - tle and your store. The Lord in - - crease you

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vir - - gin maid.
 hea - ven came Un - - to the vir - gin maid; Un - - to that vir - gin maid.
 on this night With bless - ings and good cheer; With bless - ings and good cheer.
 sleeps or wakes, Lord, send her soul to rest; Lord, send her soul to rest.
 rides or walks, Lord, Je - sus be his guide; Lord, Je - sus be his guide.
 day by day, And send you more and more; And send you more and more.

1. When righteous Joseph wedded was
Unto a virgin maid,
A glorious angel from Heaven came
Unto that virgin maid;
Unto that virgin maid.

2. As joyful shepherds brought their gifts
To Christ, the savior dear.
And so we come upon this night
With blessings and good cheer;
With blessings and good cheer.

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

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

5. 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;
And send you more and more.

*This carol was collected by Lucy Broadwood near Horsham, Sussex, in 1880, from the singing of Christmas mummers locally known as tipteers or tipteerers. Its verses were something of a mix: a stanza from another carol about The Annunciation; some moralistic lessons; and several blessings common to other house-visiting wassails. In this version from *Finest Kind*, the song keeps the opening verse and the house-visiting verses, eliminates the lessons, and adds a new verse written by Shelley Posen.*