

"The Wedding Banquet"

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Spoken Solo

Last time

Lively (♩ = 132)

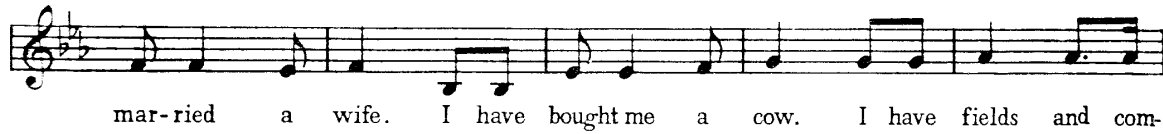


I can-not come.

come



I can-not come to the ban-quet, don't troub-le me now. I have



mar-ried a wife. I have bought me a cow. I have fields and com-

Last time ⊕

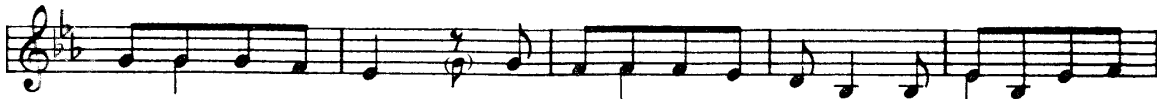


mit-ments that cost a pret-ty sum. Pray, hold me ex - cused, I can-not



come _____

- 1) A cer - tain man held a feast__ on his
- 2) The mas - ter rose up in an - ger, called his
- 3) When all the poor had as - sem - bled, there was
- 4) Now God has writ - ten a les - son for the



fine es - tate in town. He laid a fes - tive ta - ble, and wore a wed - ding
 ser - vants by name, said "Go in - to__ the town, fetch the blind_ and the
 still__ room to spare, so the mas - ter__ de - man - ded, "Go search_ e - v'ry -
 rest of __ man - kind; if we're slow__ in re - spon - ding, He may leave us be -



gown. He sent__ in - vi - ta - tions to his neigh - bours far and wide, but
 lame, fetch the pea - sant, and the pau - per_ for this__ I have willed, my
 where, to the high - ways and the by - ways__, and force them to come in. My
 hind. He's pre - pa __ - ring a ban - quet for that great and glo - rious day.

When the



when the meal was rea - dy_____ each of them re - plied,
 ban - quet must be crow - ded, and my ta - ble must be filled." I can - not
 ta - ble must be filled be - fore the ban - quet can be - gin."
 Lord and mas - ter calls us__ be cer - tain not to say,



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cused, I can - not come. _____