Medical Mission Sisters, Wedding Banquet

"'Chorus"" I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet, Don't trouble me now. I have married a wife. I have bought me a cow. I have fields and commitments That cost a pretty sum. Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

1. A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town. He laid a festive table and he wore a wedding gown. He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide But when the meal was ready, each of them replied:

2. The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name, said: Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame, Fetch the peasant and the pauper for this I have willed, My banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled.

3. When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare, So the master demanded: Go search ev'ry where, To the highways and byways and force them to come in. My table must be filled before the banquet can begin.

4. Now God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind; If we're slow in responding, He may leave us behind. He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day. When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say: