

A Sober Spouse for Me

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A Fire-Side Temperance Song

Music by
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Allegretto vivace e con anima

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto vivace e con anima'. The first system (measures 1-5) features a forte (ff) dynamic. The second system (measures 6-10) includes a triplet in measure 8. The third system (measures 11-15) shows a piano (p) dynamic in measure 12 and a forte (f) dynamic in measure 14. The fourth system (measures 16-20) includes two measures marked with a 'G' and one marked with a 'D'. The lyrics are: 1. Some love to stroll where the was-sail-bowl And the wine-cups cir-cle 2. The drunk-ard mark, at the mid-night dark, Oh what a sight good. The score concludes with a final piano accompaniment system (measures 21-25).

ff

6

11

p *f*

16

G G D

1. Some love to stroll where the was-sail-bowl And the wine-cups cir-cle
2. The drunk-ard mark, at the mid-night dark, Oh what a sight good

20 G G G

free; lack! None of all that band e'er shall win my hand: No! a Grim
From fumes of beer and wine ap - pear Grim

23 A7 D

so - ber spouse for me. Where the
friends who cross his track. Oh

27 D G G G

wine - cups cir - cle free: None of all that band e'er shall win my hand: No! a
what a sight good lack! From fumes of beer and wine ap - pear Grim

31 D7 D G D7

so - ber spouse for me. Like cheer - ful streams when the
fiends who cross his track; His child - ren's name he

34 G/D D7 G/D

morn - ing beams With him my life would flow. Not down the crags the
dooms to shame; His wife to want and woe; She is be - trayed for

38 G/D D7 G

drunk - ard drags His wife for shame and woe. Not
wine is made Her ri - val and her foe. She

41

B Em B7 Bm G D7

down the crags the drunk-ard drags His wife for shame and
is be-trayed for wine is made Her ri-val and her

44

G D7 G *rall. ad lib.* D/A

woe. No! no! no! no! no! no! no! no! no! no!
foe. No! no! no! no! no! no! no! no! no! no!

48

G G D

no! Some love to stroll where the was-sail-bowl And the wine - cups cir-cle
no! Still some will stroll, where the was-sail-bowl And the wine - cups cir-cle

52 G G G D7

free; — None of all that band e'er shall win my hand: No! a so - ber spouse for
free; — None of all that band e'er shall win my hand: No! a so - ber spouse for

56 G C G/D D7(omit 5) G C G/D D7

me No! a so - ber spouse for me. No! a so - ber spouse for
me, No! a so - ber spouse for me. No! a so - ber spouse for

60 G

me.
me.