



Bridal March

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Richard Wagner
Arr: Gilbert DeBenedetti

Slowly, with dignity

F C7 F B \flat G7 C7
 Here comes the bride, All dressed in white Sweet-ly, se-re-ne-ly, In soft glow-ing light.

F C7 F B \flat C7 F
 Love-ly to see March-ing to thee Sweet love u - ni - ted For e - ter-ni-ty

B \flat C7 B \flat C7 F
p *rit.*

F C7 F B \flat C7 F
 A Tempo *f* *rit.*

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German words to "Bridal March"
as set by Wagner for the opera *Lohengrin*
--from www.wikipedia.com

Although at most weddings the chorus is usually played without vocal singing (usually on an organ, if there is any), in *Lohengrin* the wedding party sings these words at the beginning of Act Three:

Treulich geführt ziehet dahin,
wo euch der Segen der Liebe bewahr'!
Siegreicher Mut, Minnegewinn
eint euch in Treue zum seligsten Paar.
Streiter der Tugend, schreite voran!
Zierde der Jugend, schreite voran!
Rauschen des Festes seid nun entronnen,
Wonne des Herzens sei euch gewonnen!
Duftender Raum, zur Liebe geschmückt,
nehm' euch nun auf, dem Glanze entrückt.
Treulich geführt ziehet nun ein,
wo euch der Segen der Liebe bewahr'!
Siegreicher Mut, Minne so rein
eint euch in Treue zum seligsten Paar.

English translation:

Faithfully guided, draw near
to where the blessing of love shall preserve you!
Triumphant courage, the reward of love,
joins you in faith as the happiest of couples!
Champion of virtue, proceed!
Jewel of youth, proceed!
Flee now the splendour of the wedding feast,
may the delights of the heart be yours!
This sweet-smelling room, decked for love,
now takes you in, away from the splendour.
Faithfully guided, draw now near
to where the blessing of love shall preserve you!
Triumphant courage, love so pure,
joins you in faith as the happiest of couples!



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