

365 The Dead Bridegroom Carries off His Bride. (Lenore.)

(Including the previous Type 365A *.) A young woman mourns for her bridegroom who did not return from war (brings him back to life by magic). One night he appears, invites her to ride with him, and carries her behind on his horse. Two times he asks her whether she is afraid. She says no because her lover is with her. The third time they arrive at a graveyard. When the bridegroom wants to entice her into an open grave, she realizes that he is dead. He grasps at her and tears her clothing. The bride escapes (is pulled into the grave [E215], danced to death by the dancing dead, or torn to pieces).

Combinations: 363, 407, and 1199A.

Remarks: Folk legend of indefinite age based on archaic death beliefs. Also popular as ballad or folk song: *The Suffolk Miracle* (1689); Bürger, *Lenore* (1773).