

The Black Degree
(The Black Decree)

The black de - - gree spread all the count - ry round to
kill all young child - - - ren in their turn They
tore poor child - - - ren from their
moth - er's breast think - - ing to find Christ a mong the rest.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff starts with a 5/4 time signature and contains the second line of lyrics. The third staff is in 6/4 time and contains the third line of lyrics. The fourth staff is in 4/4 time and contains the final line of lyrics. The melody is simple, using a G-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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