

Mummers Play

Characters: Old Father Abraham
King George
Beau Romer
Beau Slasher
The Doctor
Turkish Knight
Trim Tram

Beau Romer In comes I, Beau Romer, Beau Romer is my name.
I'm come to show you merry sport to pass away the winter.
Old activity, new activity,
Such activity that never have been seen before,
and never will be seen no more.

Father Abraham In comes, I Old Father Abraham,
Welcome or welcome not,
I hope old father Abraham will never be forgot.
Room! Room! Gallons of room,
For in this place there shall be shown
The dreadfulest battle that ever was known.
Betwixt King George and my two sons.
Walk in King George, walk in!

King George In Comes I, King George,
The man of courage bold.
With my sword and buckler at my side,
I won ten crown of gold.
It was I who fought the fiery dragon
and brought him to the slaughter;
and by means of this, and that,
I won the King of Egypt's daughter.
Now see me draw my English weapon.
Is there a man in this fair land
that I can't cut down with my credit hand?

Beau Romer In comes I, Beau Romer. Beau Romer is my name.
I'll fight King George and take away his fame.
For in less than three minutes, I'll take thy life away.
So battle to battle you and I shall call,
to see which on this ground shall fall.

King George Battle to battle you and I shall play
to see which on this ground shall lay.
So mind your hits and guard your blows.

Beau Romer Likewise your face and eyes and nose.

All Also!

(King George kills Beau Romer)

Father Abraham Walk in Beau Slasher, let's see what you can do.

Beau Slasher In comes I, Beau Slasher, Beau Slasher is my name.
I'm come to fight King George and all his noble train.

King George Ah, my friend, King George is here,
and I shall quickly take the life from thee, or thee from me.
So prepare yourself to fight,
for satisfaction I will have before you go this night.

Beau Slasher No satisfaction at all, King George,
for in less than three minutes, I'll take thy life away.
So, battle to battle you and I shall call,
to see which on this ground shall fall.

King George Battle to battle you and I shall play
to see which on this ground shall lay.
So mind your hits and guard your blows.

Beau Slasher Likewise your face and eyes and nose.

All Also!

(*King George kills Beau Slasher*)

Father Abraham You knock kneed, knackered old nose bag,
See what you've done,
You've killed my two sons, lays bleeding on the ground.
Oh doctor, doctor, is there a noble-handed doctor to be found
that can cure my two sons lays bleeding on the ground.
£5 for a doctor!

King George £10 to stay away

Doctor: £15 and a Bupa card and I'll come in.

Father Abraham All right but hurry up, we havn't got all day!

Doctor: In comes I, the doctor.

Father Abraham And how comes you to be a doctor?

Doctor: By my travels.

Father Abraham And what, pray are your travels?

Doctor: Italy, Whitely, France & Spain, Twice round Nottingham and back again.

Father Abraham And what can you cure, noble-handed doctor?

Doctor: Ipsy, Pipsy, Palsy, Gout,

Pains within and pains without,
Heal the sick and cure the lame,
Raise dead men back to life again.

Father Abraham
You'd best try your skills on these two lads,
Lays bleeding on the ground.

Doctor
I have a little bottle at my side,
the fame of which spreads far and wide.
The stuff therein is elecampane,
it'll bring the dead back to life again.
A drop on the heart, A drop on the skull,
will make em alive and open their eyes, and see what I have done!

(Beau Romer & Beau Slasher arise)

Turkish Knight
In comes I, the Turkish Knight,
on Turkey land I learned to fight.
I'll fight King George the man of courage bold,
and if his blood be hot, I'll fetch it cold.

King George
Ho, Ho, my little fellow, your talk is rather bold.
Just like those little mummer boys, or so that I've been told.
Pull out your sword to fight, pull out your purse to pay.
For satisfaction I will have before you go away.

Turkish Knight
No satisfaction at all,
for my head is made of iron,
my body lined with steel.
I'll fight King George to see who on this ground shall kneel.

King George
Ha, I'll quickly take the life from thee,
or thee from me.

Turkish Knight
So, battle to battle you and I shall call,
to see which on this ground shall fall.

King George
Battle to battle you and I shall play
to see which on this ground shall lay.
So mind your hits and guard your blows.

Beau Slasher
Likewise your face and eyes and nose.

All
Also!

(King George & Turkish Knight fight – Turkish Knight on bended knee)

Turkish Knight
Down on my bended knee, proud Turk to thee,
Oh, spare my life, a Turkey slave to be.

King George
Arise, proud Turk, arise.
Go home to thy land to fight, go home to thy land to tell,

what Champion George hath done for Old England so well.

Turkish Knight Now, I am going home, pray give me my free discharge.
 God bless the King of England,
 Likewise his champion George!

Trim Tram In comes I, Trim Tram,
 left from Press Gang.
 Press all you brave fellows to sea,
 to fight the French and Spaniard.
 Although my name is Johnny Jack,
 with my wife and family on my back.
 Although my family is but small,
 I thinks myself best man of all.

Father Abraham You thinks yourself best man of all!
 I knowed your father years ago,
 Bought pigs off him.
 They growed so thin he had to put yokes on em
 to stop em running down the sink hole!
 I think I'll take a rap or two at thee myself.

(Trim Tram kills Father Abraham and sits on him)

Trim Tram Good Masters and Good Mistresses,
 see what I've been and done.
 I've knocked Old Father Abraham down,
 just like the setting sun.
 So here I sits and takes my ease.
 Ladies and Gentlemen, give what you please!

Costume

<i>Old Father Abraham</i>	<i>Broom</i>
<i>King George</i>	<i>Sword & shield (with St George cross) & Crown</i>
<i>Beau Romer</i>	<i>Sword & shield</i>
<i>Beau Slasher</i>	<i>Sword & shield</i>
<i>The Doctor</i>	<i>Top Hat, Black Bag, Bottle</i>
<i>Turkish Knight</i>	<i>Sword (scimitar shaped) & Fez</i>
<i>Trim Tram</i>	<i>Large Stick & dolls tied on back</i>

*Swords are simple wooden swords except for the curved sword of Turkish Knight.
All wear Raggy jackets (except possibly the doctor who could wear tail coat)*