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Customs of Medieval Matrimony



In the _____, weddings were not just a union of two people, but a significant social event. Often, these ceremonies were influenced by local _____ and religious practices. In England, many wedding traditions were deeply rooted in the _____ of the time. One such tradition was the exchange of _____, symbolizing eternal love and commitment. The bride would usually wear a _____ that was richly decorated, often with symbolic colors. Her hair was typically styled in elaborate ways, adorned with _____ or jewels.

The wedding feast was an important part of the celebration. It involved a large _____ with various dishes, including meats, bread, and sweets. Music and _____ were also central to the festivities, with traditional songs and steps. Gifts were exchanged between the bride and groom, and sometimes between the families, signifying the joining of two _____.

A notable custom was the "bedding ceremony," where the newlyweds were escorted to their _____ by friends and family, a practice steeped in symbolism and good wishes. Another interesting aspect was the use of _____ and flowers in the ceremony, believed to bring good fortune and ward off evil spirits.

The village or town often participated in these celebrations, emphasizing the communal nature of _____ in medieval society. The wedding not only marked the start of a new family unit but also reinforced social _____ within the community. This rich tapestry of customs and traditions highlights the significance of marriage in medieval English _____ and its enduring impact on modern wedding practices.

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