

49 The Nobleman and the Thresherman - Mr Anderson

A musical score for the song 'The Nobleman and the Thresherman - Mr Anderson'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'A gen - tle - man there lived in the vil - lage of late, he'. The second staff continues with 'had an ov - er thre - sher and his fa - mi - ly were great; he'd a'. The third staff continues with 'wife and se - ven child - ren, and most of them were small; he'd -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'no - thing but his la - bour for to main - tain them all.'

1
A gentleman there lived in the village of late,
he had an over-thresher and his family was great;
he'd a wife and seven children, and most of them
were small;
he'd nothing but his labour for to maintain them all.

2
The gentleman he came to his thresher one day,
'Oh come, my brave fellow, come tell to me, I pray,
You've a wife and seven children, and most of them
are small;
how do you manage for to maintain them all?'

3
'Sometimes I do reap, and sometimes I do sow;
hedgin' and ditchin' likewise I do go.
Nothin' come amiss to me, cart, harrowing or plough,
and so I get my living by the sweat of my brow.

4
My wife she is willing to join in the work,
we do live happy and comfortable and we do not provoke.
Times are very hard and we are very poor,
but so we keep the landlord and the bailiffs from the door.'

5
'Now, my good fellow, you've spoke well of your wife,
you shall live happy and comfortable for the rest part of your life.
Fifty acre of good land I freely give to thee,
to maintain your wife and your large family.'