

# The Nobleman and the Thresherman.

No. 18.

At a steady pace. (Capo 3.)

Chords: Cm(Am) G(E) Cm(Am) Fm(Dm) Ab(F) Fm(Dm) Cm(Am)

1. A no-ble-man there liv-ed in the vil-.... lage of late;.....  
 2. This no-ble-man he met.... with this poor.... man one day.....  
 3. "Some times... I do reap,..... and some- times I do sow.....  
 4. "When my day's work is done... I go home.... late at night;.....

Chords: G(E) Eb(C) D(B) Gm(Em) Eb(C) G(E) Cm(Am) D(B) G(E)

There was a poor... thresh-er-man, his fa-mi-ly was great;.....  
 And un-to this poor thresh-er-man these ver-y words did say;.....  
 And some- times I a- hedg- ing, and a- ditch- ing too, do go;.....  
 All in my wife and fam- i- ly I take a great de- light;.....

Chords: Cm(Am) D(B) Gm(Em) Eb(C) D(B) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) D(B) Cm(Am) G(E)

He had got se- ven chil... ren and most of them were small;.....  
 "You are a poor... thresh-er-man, I know it to be true;.....  
 There's noth- ing goes a- miss with me, my harr- ow or my plough;.....  
 My child- ren they come round me with their pratt- le and their toys;.....

Chords: Cm(Am) G(E) Cm(Am) G(E) Cm(Am) Fm(Dm) G(E) Cm(Am)

He'd no- thing but hard la.... bour for to main- tain them all;.....  
 And how do you get your li.... ving so well as you now do?.....  
 And so I get my li- ving by the sweat.... of my brow;.....  
 And that is all the plea- sure, that a poor.... man en- joys;.....



5. "My wife she is willing to join me in the yoke;  
We live like unto turtle-doves, and ne'er a one  
    provoke.  
These times are very bad, and we are very poor,  
But still we get our living, and we keep  
    cold from the door."

6. "You are an honest fellow, you speak well  
    of your wife;  
And you shall both live happy all the  
    last part of your life:  
Here's forty acres of good land I'll freely give to  
    thee  
For to maintain your wife and self, and your sweet  
    family!"

7. God bless all the farmers that take pity on poor men,  
I wish of them with all my heart their souls  
    in heav'n may stand;  
And may those that are left behind, a better pattern  
    take,  
That they may follow after as quick as they can.<sup>1</sup>

1. Note (1889): Probably the original ran more as follows:

7. God bless all such good farmers as live in our  
    dear land,  
I wish of them with all my heart their souls in heav'n  
    may stand;  
And may the rich a pattern take from this good nobleman,  
That they may follow after him as quickly as the can.

A version is in the Roxburgh Ballads, also in Bell's Songs of the Peasantry.