

# 49 Green Broom

Collected by Cecil J. Sharp

From "One Hundred English Folk Songs" 1916

*Andante legando*

here was an old man and he lived in the west and his trade was a - cut - ting of  
broom, greenbroom; He had but one son and his name it was John, and he li - ed a - bed till 'twas  
noon, bright noon, And he li - ed a - bed till 'twas noon. The..etc.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It begins in 6/8 time and consists of three lines of music. The first line contains five measures of music with the lyrics 'here was an old man and he lived in the west and his trade was a - cut - ting of'. The second line contains four measures of music with the lyrics 'broom, greenbroom; He had but one son and his name it was John, and he li - ed a - bed till 'twas'. The third line contains five measures of music with the lyrics 'noon, bright noon, And he li - ed a - bed till 'twas noon. The..etc.'. At the end of the third line, the time signature changes to 3/8 and then back to 6/8.