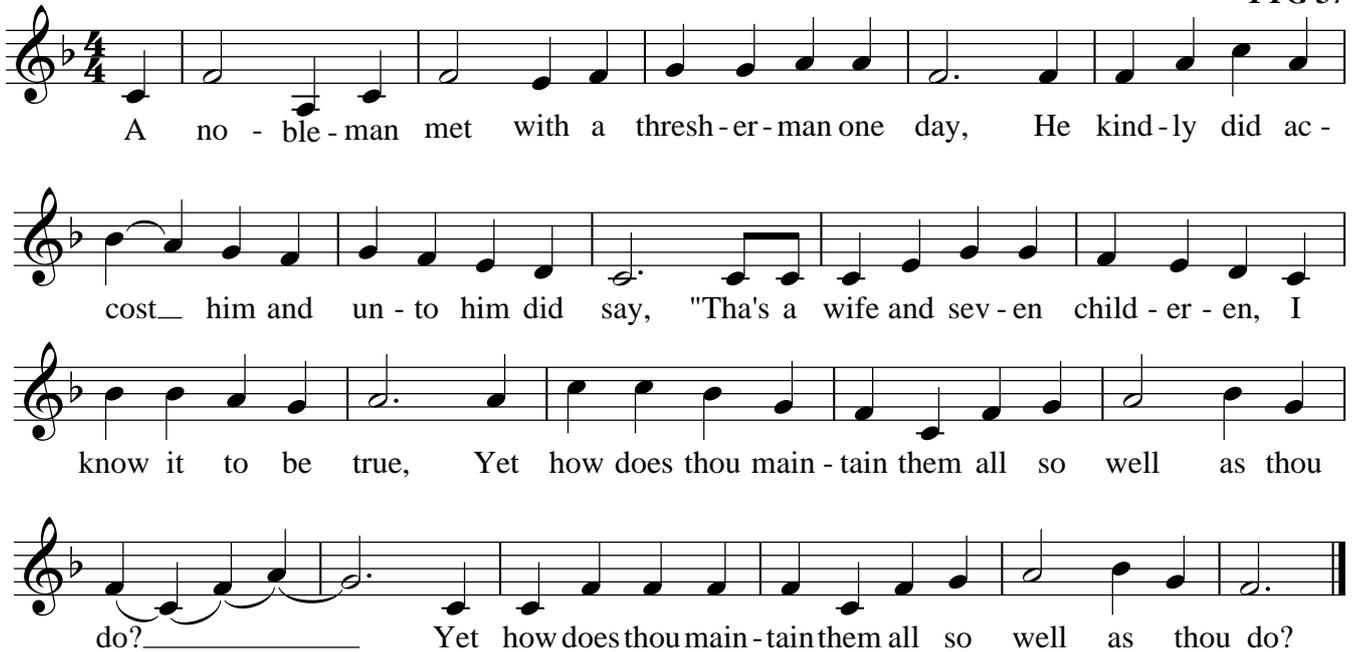


The Nobleman and the Thresherman

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1. A nobleman met with a thresherman one day,
He kindly did accost him and unto him did say,
"Tha's a wife and seven children, I know it to be true,
Yet how does thou maintain them all so well as thou do?
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2. "Sometimes I do reap and sometimes I do mow,
And other times a hedgin' or a ditchin' I do go;
There's nothin' comes amiss to me to the harrows nor the plough,
But still I get my livin' by the sweat of my brow,
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3. "When my day's work is over I go home at night,
My wife and my children they are of my delight;
My children are a prattlin' and playin' with their toys,
And that is all the pleasure that a poor man enjoys,
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4. "My wife she is willin' to join in the yoke,
We live just like two turtle doves and seldom do provoke;
Sometimes we are hard up, sometimes we are very poor,
But still we keep those raging wolves away from our door,
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5. "So well has thou spoken of thy wife,
I'll make thee to live happy all the rest of thy life;
I've fifty acres of good land I'll freely give to thee,
To maintain thy wife and thy loved family,
To maintain thy wife and thy loved family."