

Green Broom

(There was an Old Man)

There was an old man and he lived in the east, And his trade it was sell-ing green brooms ___

(a)

He had but one son and his name it was Jack And he did lie a - bed till 'twas noon ___

Till ___ 'twas noon ___ and he did lie a - bed till 'twas noon ___

(a) Verse 2, bars 5-8

(a) Verse 3, bars 5-8

2. The old man arose, for fire he called
And swore he would fire the room
If Jack didn't arise and sharpen his knives
And go down to the wood to cut broom, green broom
And go down to the wood to cut broom
3. Now Jack he arose and put on his clothes
And went down to the woods to cut broom
To market and fair, and everywhere
For tonight if you want any broom, green broom
For tonight if you want any broom
4. Then he started on a road he knew very well
Till he came to some castle to fill
Then he whooped and he bawled and he loudly cried
'Pretty maid, do you want any brooms, green brooms?' etc
5. Then the lady being up at her window so high
She saw the young man with his brooms
She called to her maid and this she did say
'Call in that young man with his brooms, his brooms' etc

6. And first in the kitchen and then in the hall
And then in the lady's fine room
She laughed and she smiled 'Will you leave off your trade
And marry a lady in bloom?' etc

7. Then a license was sent for without delay
And married they were in the room
Now they live at their ease and kiss when they please
And he got it by selling green brooms, etc.

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