

The Northamptonshire Poacher

As I was bound a - - ppren - - tice in famed North-amp - ton - shire _____
I served my ma - - ster tru - - ly for sev - - en long years _____
(a)
Till I took up with poa - - ching as you shall quick - ly hear _____
For it's my de - light of a shi - ny night in the sea - son of the year _____

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Northamptonshire Poacher'. It consists of five staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first four staves contain the main melody, and the fifth staff is a variant for bars 10-11.

(a) Variant, bars 10 - 11

The image shows a single staff of music for the variant, bars 10-11. It is in G major and 6/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes.

2. As me and my companions were setting of a snare
The keeper was a-watching us for him we did not care
For we can wrestle and fight my boys or jump over anywhere
For it's my delight of a shiny night in the season of the year.

Source: William Ballinger, aged 80, Gloucester, 1957, collected by Brian Ballinger