

Green Broom

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

5 6 7 8

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 ___

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the first line of the first verse, with bar numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 marked below. The second staff contains the second line of the first verse. The third staff contains the third line of the first verse, which includes a change in time signature from 6/8 to 3/8 in the final two bars.

Verse 2, Bars 5-8

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, corresponding to the melody for Verse 2, bars 5-8.

Verse 3, Bars 5-8

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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

Source: Mr Tandy, Winchcombe, 5th April 1909, collected by Percy Grainger

Notes: Alternative title "There was an Old Man"