

**Title:**

Parracombe, Devon

**Shelfmark:**

C908/29

**Description:**

Arthur recalls the 1953 flood and talks about the local hunt. Chapman Barrows (just to the southeast of Parracombe) refers to a hill, Exford (to the southeast) is a nearby village and Lynmouth (to the northwest) the nearest town.

**Lexis:**

*hissself* = himself; *'fraid* = afraid; *rin* = to run; *holler* = to cry out loud, shout; *and all* = also, too, as well; *this here* = this

**Phonology:**

definite article + V → [D]; H-dropping; rhoticity

GOAT [o: > @U]; FACE [e: ~ E:<sup>1</sup>]; PRICE [a:<sup>1</sup> > {I]; MOUTH [9Y]; CLOTH [O:]; GOOSE [Y:]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`:]; NURSE [@`:]; NEAR [I@`:]; FOOT [Y]; LOT [A]; LETTER [@`]

note also *one* [wQn], *here* [j@`:], *new* [nY:], *it was* [twAz], *heard* [j@`:d], *touch* [tItS], *with* [wI], *few* [fY:], (*Chapman*) *Barrows* [bA`r/z], *music* [mY:zIk], *after* [a:ft@`], *rabbITS* [r/ab@ts], *ridiculous* [r/IdIk=l@s], *isn't* [Id=n], *dogs* [dVgz] and *perhaps* [pr/aps]

**Grammar:**

preterite *come* (*the big flood come down, see; the water come down six foot high; time I come out the water was come right up; the other went to Lynmouth and one come this way; then they come down to a big pond there; then all this here brushwood come down; when the pond come down the valley he carried a tree upright*)

to be + past participle (*the water was come right up* = the water had come right up)

zero relative pronoun (*there was only one \_ got drowned there*)

gender assigned to it (*soon as he* (= flood) *got up full enough; he* (= cloudburst) *went right on the point of the common, he was; a big organ fixed in hine* (= music hall); *when the pond come down the valley he* (= pond) *carried a tree upright; as he* (= tree) *went along he cleared bridge after bridge; he* (= tree) *went right down through to Lynmouth and he finished up down at the seafront*)

zero plural marker on noun (*six foot high*)

past participle for present participle (*my boy was stood on the bridge* = my boy was standing on the bridge)

preterite *seed* (*he seed the water coming*)

preterite *rinned ~ runned* (*he rinned up here and hollered to me; I heard hine coming and I runned out*)

masculine object pronoun → *hine* (*I heard hine coming and I runned out; they followed hine down the stream, you see, and found hine about half a mile down; a big organ fixed in hine; turn out a hare and set two greyhounds after hine; I always believe in turning a fox out, let hine run; let go two dogs after hine; if the dog don't catch hine, the hare's free; they stand still and the dogs get around hine; the dog never bites hine, you know; stag'll keep a dog off hine; if a dog gets too close to hine, he'd kill the dog; they do shoot hine*); → *he* (*it was touch and go with he*); first person plural subject pronoun → *us* (*us was only tilling a few minutes before; he was one side the stream and us was the other; us could see his lantern there*)

first person plural *was* (*us was only tilling a few minutes before; he was one side the stream and us was the other; we was 'fraid, you see, to risk anything*)

zero of (*he was one side \_ the stream and us was the other*)

preterite *knowed* (*nobody knowed, well, how or where*)

preterite *gived* (*the pond gived away*)

verbal inflection with plural pronoun (*lot of them today believes in digging them in*)

third person singular do + negative particle → *don't* (*if the dog don't catch hine, the hare's free*)

multiple negation (*they hunt the stag before he can't go no further*)

zero auxiliary (*they \_ got to carry a gun now; every pack of hounds \_ got to carry a gun*)

third person plural *is* (*the fox-hounds is all over the place*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you see* [jY si: ~ jY zi:]

