

Title:

Borrowby, Yorkshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Jack talks about haymaking and mowing by hand.

Lexis:

yon = that (over there); *stell* = open ditch or brook; *grand* = great, fine, excellent; *cock* = hay-cock, pile of hay; *backend* = late autumn; *sin* = ago; *oursells* = ourselves; *aye* = yes; *nobbut (just)* = only; *cause* = because; *lowance* = food taken to work; *sharp* = to sharpen; *mysell* = myself

Phonology:

definite article → [t]; H-dropping; note rhoticity on LETTER set [əː]

MOUTH [u:]; PRICE [a: ~ a:ˠ]; FACE [E:]; START [a:]; GOAT [O:]; happy [I]

<wa-> → [wa]; <cl-> → [tl]; <-day> → [d@]; <-any> → [QnI]; <-ever-> → [Iv@]; <-old> → [O:d ~ Od]

note also *over* [aU@], *took* [tI@k] and *take* [tak], *in* [I], *because* [bIkQz], *thought* [T@Ut], *turn* [tQn], *ready* [r/IdI], *getting* [gItIn] and *get* [gIt], *washed* [wESt], *don't* [dI@nt] and *won't* [wI@nt], *master* [mE@st@], *here* [I@ː], *horse* [Qs], *four* [fQU@ː] and *fourteen* [fQU@t@In], *three* [Tr/@I], *and all* [ən O:], *eight* [aIt], *laid* [lEd], *with* [wIv], *oursells* [əseIz], *grandfather* [gr/anfE@D@], *five-and-thirty* [fa:v@nT@tI], *wouldn't* [wad=nt], *ours* [U@z], *(be)cause* [kQs], *show* [SaU] and *having* [EvIn]

Grammar:

zero plural marker on noun (*about twenty-five year sin; twenty year sin; twenty-one year; fourteen year old; five-and-thirty year*)

adjective as adverb (*real grand stuff; very near up to the clover*)

preterite *gat* (*I gat clover laid; I gat it laid, swept it into the stack; it gat very near up to the clover stack*)

relative pronoun → *at* (*what hay at was in the cock at it didn't take away*)

at + general time phrase (*at Friday; at Saturday; at Sunday night*)

preterite *come* (*it come a flood again; we've had some good seasons since he come; since he come here*)

agent preposition, *by* → *with* (*we laid it with oursells*)

for to + infinitive (for to cut grass)

of + pronoun → on (I don't remember them cutting all on it)

use of thee (I'll show thee how to mow)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you know* [j@ nO:]. Note also construction *it come a flood again* = there was another flood.

