

Title:

Kniveton, Derbyshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

John recalls an occasion when he sold a car for great profit and remembers a terrific thunderstorm passing over his smallholding. The original recording appears to have been paused on two occasions. Derby is a city to the southeast of Kniveton. [Read a transcript of this recording on the British Library's 'Sounds Familiar' website.](#)

Lexis:

folks = people; *thissen* = thyself, yourself; *get* = to become; *bob* = shilling; *tother* = the other; *by Guy!* = exclamation of disbelief, surprise; *aye* = yes; *strag* = stray, straggler

Phonology:

definite article → [ʔ]; <-Vt#> + V → [r/]; *to* + infinitive → [ʔ] (*what are we going to do?* [gUIn ? dEU]; *art thou going to stop* [gUIn ? stQp] *with me?*; *let's go to bed* [gu: ? bEd] *and go to sleep* [gu: ? slEIp]; *if thou can go to sleep* [gu: ? slEIp] *all right*)

START [a:]; FLEECE [EI]; MOUTH [{}]; PRICE [A:]; STRUT [U]; happy [I]

<-old> → [EUd]; <-ight> → [EIt]; <-ook> → [EUK]

note also *too hard* [t@ ha:d], *thou* [Da ~ DEI ~ DI], *man* [mQn], *laugh* [IQf], *doesn't thou?* [dust=n@], *once* [wUns], *one* [wQn] and *none* [nQn], *bought* [bEUt], and *brought* [br/EUt], *where's* [wI@z] and *there* [DI@], *wouldn't* [wUdn@], *take* [tEk], *with* [wI], *only* [o:nI], *going* [gUIn] and *go* [gu:], *mother* [mQD@], (thou) *couldn't* [kQstn@] and (I) *couldn't* [kUdn@], *can't* [kQn@], *us* [Uz], *so* [su:], *over* [o@], *because* [bIkQs], *last* [last] and *so bad* [s@ bad]

Grammar:

zero definite article (*what's _ good of working too hard; thou's worn thissen out by _ time as thou gets an old man; I were milling in _ shed*)

use of *thee* and *thou* and *thissen* (*thou knows; thou hast a bit of sense as thou gets a bit older; when thou starts stop, thou knows, thou wants start as an old man and keep on as old man and thou'd live longer; if thou startest and does a lot of work, folks laugh at thee; thou's worn thissen out by time as thou gets an old man; doesn't thou?; where's (thou) got this from?; would (thou) let this youth run it up for me?; art (thou) all right, mother?; thou couldst not do naught on it; I'll stop with thee; dost (thou) think so?; thou art all right; he'll none hurt thee; if thou can go to sleep all right*)

zero to + infinitive (*when thou starts _ stop, thou knows, thou wants _ start as an old man; I used _ sell cars, motor cars;*); *for to* + infinitive (*I has just one cow left for to [f@?] finish*)

relative pronoun → *as (thou's worn thissen out by time as thou gets an old man; it's only a strag as'll hit us)*

preterite *gen (I gen a man a ride in it)*

gender assigned to it (*I bought her (= a car) at Derby; her (= the storm) kept coming; her (= the storm) busted her (= the tree) up; if thou can go to sleep all right, we shall none hear her (= the storm)*)

zero of (*hoo hit that tree at tother side _ the field*)

verbal inflection with *I (I says)*

third person singular feminine subject pronoun → *her (how much is her?; her only cost 30 bob, like; her kept coming; her busted her up)*; third person singular feminine subject pronoun → *hoo (hoo's got us next time; but hoo went over; I couldn't go out because hoo were that frightened)*

zero plural marker on noun (*I says sixteen pound*)

preterite *come (*