



North Country Folk Tunes
XV

The Bonny Fisher Lad

arranged
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Quickly, crisply and rhythmically ♩ = 160 or 168
staccato

S

A *pp*
O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

T

B

S ³
On

A *poco cresc.* *p*
O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me. On

T

B

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5

S Bam - bor - ough - shire's rock - y shore, Just as you en - ter Bou - mer - raw, There

A Bam - bor - ough - shire's rock - y shore, There

T

B

7

S *cresc.* lives a bon - ny fish - er lad, *rit.* The fish - er lad that brings them a'.

A *cresc.* lives the bon - ny fish - er lad gat had o' me. *rit.*

T

B

9

S *p* O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

A *p* O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

T *p* O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

B *p* O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

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S O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me. My

A O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me. My

T O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me.

B O the bon - ny fish - er lad, That fish - er lad gat had o' me.

poco *pp*

13

S moth - er sent me out one day To gath - er coc - kles frae the sea, But

A moth - er sent me out one day To gath - er coc - kles frae the sea, When

T

B

SECOND BASS The

15

S I had not been lang a - way When the fish - er lad gat had o' me.

A he gat had o' me.

T I'd not been lang When the fish - er lad gat had o' me.

B fiah - er lad gat had o' me.

cresc. *p* *f*

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17 *mf*

S O the

A *mf* O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

T *mf* O the bon - ny fish - er lad, the

B

19 *cresc.* *f*

S bon - - - ny fish - er lad gat had o' me. A

A *cresc.* O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me. A

T *cresc.* bon - ny fish - er lad. A

B *cresc.* O the bon - ny fish - er lad. A

21 *emphatically*

S sail - or I will nev - er mar - ry, Nor sol - dier, for he's got no brass, But

A *emphatically* sail - or I will nev - er mar - ry, Nor sol - dier, for he's got no brass, But

T *emphatically* sail - or I will nev - er mar - ry, Nor sol - dier, for he's got no brass, But

B *emphatically* sail - or I will nev - er mar - ry, Nor sol - dier, for he's got no brass, But

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S I will have a fish - er lad, Be - cause I am a fish - er lass.

A I will have a fish - er lad, Be - cause I am a fish - er lass.

T I will have a fish - er lad, Be - cause I am a fish - er lass.

B I will have a fish - er lad, Be - cause I am a fish - er lass.

cresc. *ff*

24

S O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

A

T O the bon - ny fish - er lad.

B

pp *legato*

26

S

A O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me.

T

B O the bon - ny fish - er lad gat had o' me.

pp *legato* *staccato*

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28 *ff*

S O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

A O the bon - y fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

T O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

B O the bon - ny fish - er lad That brings the fish - es frae the sea,

30 *molto rit.*

S O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me.

A O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me.

T O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had, gat had o' me.

B O the bon - ny fish - er lad, The fish - er lad gat had o' me.

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William Gillies Whittaker (1876-1944) was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England. He studied science at Armstrong College, University of Durham, received training in organ and singing, and became a member of its faculty. He later was Professor of Music at the University of Glasgow and principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music. He was a respected choral conductor with positions with Armstrong College, the Newcastle and Gateshead Choral Union and the Newcastle Bach Choir. Whittaker was a scholar of Bach and conductor Bach's works. He was editor of a series of Bach's cantatas and author of one of the definitive commentaries on Bach's cantatas. He also edited instrumental works of the 17th and 18th centuries. He composed a number of larger choral works, piano pieces, songs, and choral arrangements. He is particularly known for his collection of "North Countrie Folk Songs" and choral arrangements of many of the songs.

*O the bonny fisher lad
That brings the fishes frae the sea,
O the bonny fisher lad,
The fisher lad gat had o' me.*

On Bamfroughshire's rocky shore,
Just as you enter Boumerraw,
There lives a bonny fisher lad,
The fisher lad that brings them a'.

My mother sent me out one day
To gather cockles frae the sea,
But I had not been lang away
When the fisher lad gat had o' me.

A sailor I will never marry,
Nor soldier, for he's got no brass,
But I will have a fisher lad,
Because I am a fisher lass.

frae = from
gat = got
had = hold
lang = long
a' = all (Pronounce as in "at")
Pronounce "o" as "u" as in "but"
Pronounce "Boumer" as "Boomer"

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